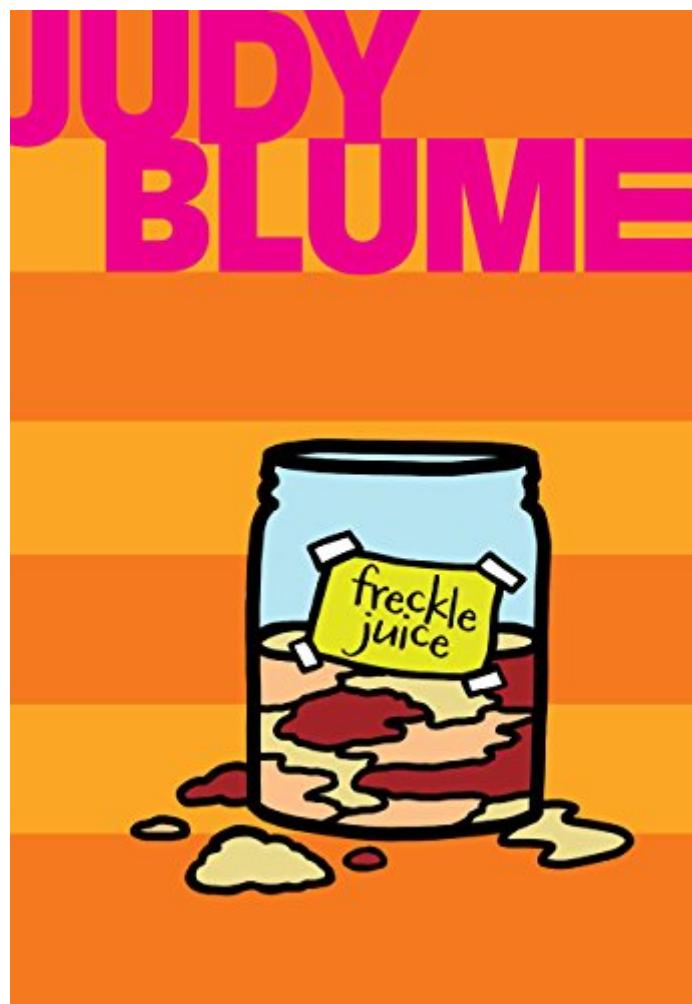


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# Freckle Juice



## **Synopsis**

Nicky has frecklesâ "they cover his face, his ears, and the whole back of his neck. Sitting behind him in class, Andrew once counted eighty-six of them, and that was just a start! If Andrew had freckles like Nicky, his mother would never know if his neck was dirty. One day after school, Andrew works up enough courage to ask Nicky where he got his freckles. When know-it-all Sharon overhears, she offers Andrew her secret freckle juice recipeâ "if he pays.Â Andrew is desperate and feels it's worth it. At home he carefully mixes the strange combination of ingredients. Then the unexpected happens...From the Trade Paperback edition.

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## **Customer Reviews**

The following reviews were written by four 7-year-olds in a classroom book club I led. We studied reviews from .com before they wrote theirs to see how there can be many different opinions on one title: Rachel says: This book is about a boy named Andrew Marcus and how he wants freckles. I think it is funny because when he gets sick and his mother sends him to bed, she gives him two spoonfuls of stuff that tasted like peppermint and he dreams that a monster makes him drink two

quarts of freckle juice three times a day. I would recommend this book to a friend because it is funny. David says: This book is about a boy named Andrew Marcus and how he want freckles. I like this book better than The One In The Middle Is The Green Kangaroo, also by Judy Blume, because it was more fun to read and I like the story better. I recommend a friend read this book. Ashleigh says: This book is about Andrew wanting freckles like Nicky Lane. I think this book is very funny because I like drawing freckles on my face. I want everyone to have this book. Annie says: Andrew Marcus wanted freckles like Nicky Lane. He put freckles on with a magic marker but his teacher, Miss Kelly, gave him soap and told him he was good without freckles. I don't encourage you to buy this book with your money because it is not a good story. If you want to see what I mean, check it out at the library.

This book is interesting because Nicky has freckles and Andrew wants them. He wants them so he doesn't have to take a bath or wash his neck. Andrew asks Sharon for the secret recipe for freckle juice. Read this story to find out what happens. I am in second grade, and I felt that it was interesting and funny. I would read this book again.

Freckle Juice by Judy Blume is a fantastic book for everybody to read. It is about a boy named Andrew who really wants freckles like Nick. So Susan says she will give Andrew a recipe for getting freckles, which costs 50 cents. The recipe has a lot of nasty stuff like vinegar, onion juice, ketchup, and lemon juice etc. It is also disgusting at the same time. At the end of the book Andrew learns his lesson, which is don't believe everything will work. I hope you read this book.

I love the book. But the one shown by the seller was not the one I received. I received the new cover with different illustrations. This doesn't work so well when you are trying to run a book club with 3rd graders. You need the same book with the same pages and illustrations. This seller needs to advertise what they are actually selling.

The following review was written by second grade students in 2M after reading this text in book clubs. The book we are reading is Freckle Juice by Judy Blume. It is a book about a boy who really wants freckles. First, Sharon gives Andrew Freckle Juice. Andrew wants freckles because Nicky has freckles. I think that Sharon does not like Andrew because she kind of tricked him. Next, Andrew got sick and felt terrible. Read this book to see if he gets freckles. I would not recommend this book because it is too short and did not make sense. I would give this book and two out of 10

because I did not really understand Andrew and I did not like the ending.

I enjoy books for the young ones that give them a good lesson on life and give them a chuckle or laugh while doing it. Be happy with the way you look, be satisfied with yourself and hidden in that message is one that well shows there are no free lunches in life. the 1971 edition I have has some very well done black and white drawings which are quite charming themselves. This is a great book to read to a class as it creates much discussion and allows the children to relate their own wishes and discuss them. This is one of those books that I hope does not go out of print as it has a timeless quality about it. Highly recommend.

Judy Blume's "Freckle Juice" is a short tale for young readers, with illustrations by Sonia O. Lisker. Blume tells the story of Andrew Marcus, a 2nd grade student who wishes he had freckles. Things get freaky when a classmate promises to sell him a "secret recipe for freckle juice." Blume taps effectively into the culture of children's folk magic and urban legend with this tale. I was a bit turned off, however, by Blume's portrayal of Andrew's shrewish, hysterical, overbearing mother. After finishing the book, I thought, "When this kid grows up, he's going to have some serious issues with women!" I also didn't like the fact that the "villain" of the story essentially lies, swindles, and violates classroom discipline and suffers no consequences. Still, "Freckle Juice" is a fun story with a memorable "gross-out" factor.

This is a very easy to read as well as a read aloud to younger children. My oldest grandson is a fourth grader and he is reading it to his younger brothers. They are listening with interest and are excited about what is going to happen next. He reads to them one or two short chapters a night. Either gender can enjoy this story and relate to some of the feelings of the main character.

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