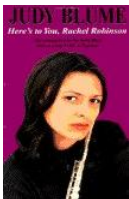


Passages

Reading Level 6



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Sample From The Book

Trouble in our family is spelled with a capital C and has been as long as I can remember. The C stands for Charles. He's my older brother, two years and four months older to be exact. Ever since the phone call about him last night, I've felt incredibly tense. And now, at this very minute, my parents are driving up to Vermont, to Charles's boarding school, to find out if he's actually been kicked out or if he's just been suspended again.

I tried to take a deep breath. I read an article about relieving tensions in Psychology Today. You take a deep breath, then count to ten as you slowly release it. But as I inhaled, I caught the scent of the fresh lilacs on Ms. Leffert's desk and I started to cough. Ms. Lefferts, my seventh grade English teacher, looked over at me. She was discussing the three most important elements in making a biography come alive for the reader. When I coughed again, she crossed the room and opened the two windows from the bottom, letting in the spring breeze.

The class was restless, shifting around in their seats, counting the hours till school let out so they could enjoy the first really warm day of the year.



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