

Study Questions for "Sweet Justice" by Judy Blume

Chapters 1-4

1. Why is Peter upset when his mom says they are no longer poor?
2. What does Peter think about the way Judy has started to leave? Why does he want to quit?
3. How does Judy react when he learns that the mother is expecting a baby? What does he feel about it?
4. How does Judy react when Thomas learned what she was up to in secret?
5. Why is the mother so angry with Judy?
6. How does Peter feel about the baby? Does he like the idea of it? Why or why not?
7. Describe Peter, Judy, Thomas, and Jerry's family.

Chapters 5-8

1. What is the new house a replacement for?
2. Why is Peter angry about it?
3. Why is the house built in a secret? What do you think about it?
4. Describe Peter's and Judy's first day at school. What's different?
5. Why does Judy not like the new neighborhood?
6. What does it feel like to live in a secret house?
7. What is Peter's job?
8. What is the name of Judy's dog?
9. What happens when Peter discovers the secret?
10. What does the author want you to know about the characters and events?

Chapters 9-12

1. Describe Judy's emotional situation? What is she like? How does she feel about what is going on with her mother?
2. What happens when Jerry finds out about the secret? How does he feel about it? Why?
3. What is the "Chapter" "secret" about?
4. Why is Peter angry about Judy's mother's coming to Judy's house?
5. What happens when Peter discovers the secret? How does he feel about it? Why?
6. Why is the mother angry to go back to New York?

Use your answers to these additional questions!

1. Why is Peter a good name?
2. Why is Peter a bad name?
3. What does it mean to be poor?
4. What is Judy's job?
5. Why does the mother take a job off?
6. Why is Peter's secret house so...
a) New York
b) Secret