

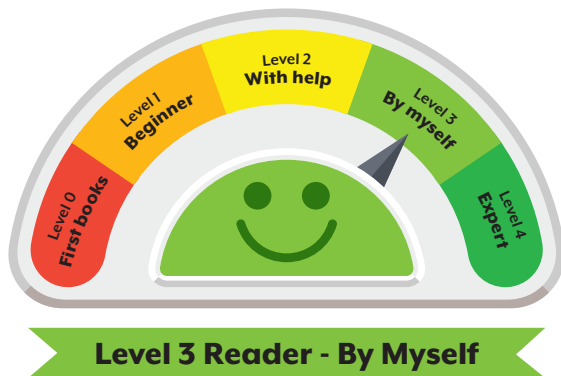
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# MUD PUDDLE



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## A Note from **Robert Munsch**

A long, long, LONG time ago when I was in first grade, my class had 60 kids in it!

The teacher didn't read any books and neither did the kids. It was not fun.

Well, here is a book that is fun to read for both you and your grown-ups.

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# Before Reading

## High-Frequency Words

Practice reading these high-frequency words in the story:

all down new over

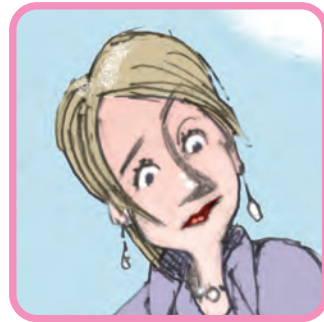
## Meet the Characters

Get to know the characters from the story by looking at the pictures and names below:

Jule Ann



Mommy



Mud Puddle



## **Character Spotlight: The Mud Puddle**

Think about the mud puddle as a character in the story. Why do you think the mud puddle keeps trying to land on Jule Ann? If you had to draw a face for the mud puddle, what kind of expression would it have (e.g., happy, silly, sad, angry)?

## **Compound Words:**

Some words have two words put together to make one word. These are called compound words. In this story, you can see the word “outside” which is made up of the words, “out” and “side.” Take a look at the words below and turn them into compound words:

**in            side**

**mail           box**

**snow           ball**

**ice            cream**

**star           fish**

Can you think of any other compound words?

# Phonics

There is an **M** sound at the beginning of the word **mud**.

Can you make an **M** sound?

Pay close attention to the shape of your mouth as you make the sound. It might be helpful to make this sound while you look in a mirror to see the shape your mouth makes.

Try these different activities to help practice the letter **M** sound.

1. Take a close look around you and try to find three objects that start with the same sound.
2. Think of three other words that also start with the same sound. As an extra challenge, can you think of any words that end with an **M** sound?

3. A simple word that has the **M** sound at the beginning is the word **mud**. As you read this word, pay attention to the two other letter sounds in the word.
4. When two words rhyme, they have the same sounds at the end of the word. Take a look at the pictures below and point to any of the words that rhyme with **mud**.



**blood**



**bud**



**moose**

5. While you read, look out for other **M** sounds at the beginning of a word throughout the story. You can see the sound easily because it will be written in a different **color**.