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Amber Brown isn't entirely ready for fourth grade. She has her pens, pencils, new clothes, and new shoes. But the one thing she doesn't have is her best friend, Justin Daniels. Justin has moved away, leaving Amber utterly best friend-less. Amber knows Justin can't be replaced, but she is on the lookout for a new friend. Brandi seems a likely choice—but does Brandi want to choose Amber in return? Will Amber Brown go fourth, and go forth, with a new best friend?

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Veronica Molina says

Me encanta que se toquen temas como el divorcio de los papás, la nueva pareja de la mamá, y hacer amigos nuevos en el colegio. La autora trata, además, a la protagonista como una más de su curso, no siguiendo el estereotipo de la niña rosada y bien portada, sino con personalidad y pertenencia al grupo. No por participar en un concurso de eructos va a ser menos querible.

Mantiene la agilidad y buen humor lector del primer libro de la historia. ¡Es tan fácil empatizar con esta niña!

Kyle Pucciarello says

3.5 Stars

Researching strong characters for 3rd grade.

Amber Brown is definitely a strong character, sort of a more mature Junie B. Jones. As she enters the fourth grade, she does so without her father (who is living in France), and without her best friend (who has moved away). She has to learn how to make new friends, navigate 4th grade, and still deal with school.

I'm not sure Amber grows too, too much throughout the course of the book, but she is a fun character in an entertaining story.

Maximilian Lee says

I liked this book because I liked the part when she talks about the boys. I also liked this book because Amber's friend blew a bubble out of her nose.

Tara says

One of the girls I was babysitting last night brought this, and I read it after she went to bed. A quick, fun read, great for older elementary-age kids. Danziger did a great job of succinctly addressing the feelings of a fourth-grader without talking down to her audience. The first-person voice was vivid and vivacious. I enjoyed it! And I'll check out the rest of the Amber Brown books.

Amanda S. says

After an excellent first and second book, I was a little disappointed with the third.

Alyiah.Watson says

This was amazing because a little girl didn't want to go to fourth grade because of her friend Justin cause she really missed him.

Alaina says

I think this is a great book for a 3rd or 4th grader. It's linear, easy to follow, humorous and told from one point of view. Amber Brown is dealing with entering 4th grade, her mom dating (although this book isn't where her parents divorce it is an ongoing theme and conflict in Amber's life) and making new friends. These are topics many elementary kids deal with and it is a good book to read with your kids, students or to suggest as an independent read. It's a great elementary school series.

Melissa Namba says

I really like this series for children whose parents have gotten a divorce. there are a lot of questions that she is able to answer and she can make them feel normal. in this book, her mom has a boyfriend and amber chooses not to meet him. Lots of burp jokes and amber makes a new friend after her best friend moves away.

Jessika says

I read the Amber Brown books obsessively when I was younger. I found this one lurking on my bookshelf and thought I'd re-visit it.

There isn't much to say about this one besides the fact that I can see why I loved this. Amber Brown is a hilarious little girl. Paula Danziger really nails the mentality of a fourth-grade-girl.

I also enjoyed how real issues were discussed without being too heavy and without being too preachy. Because, let's face it, that stuff goes right over the heads of younger kids. In that sense, Paula Danziger gets her message across to her target audience in the appropriate manner.

Overall, an enjoyable book for younger audiences. I loved it then, and I still love it now.

Dr. A. says

"What if my brain is so filled with everything from nursery school, kindergarten, first, second, and third grade that I don't have room in it to put any new facts? What if I get a desk that wobbles? Or a desk that some dumb kid sat in last year and there's still some dumb kidness on the desk that's going to rub off on me?" (Pg. 9)

While not quite Tales of a Fourth Grade nothing, a must-read, this is a cute read that really captures the reality of new for many kids. Amber isn't only afraid of being a 4th grader, but she is dealing with divorce and the loss of her best friend. Danziger did a good job capturing the difficulty and heartache of a new normal. The confusion of the unknown. I think this book is a relatable read for many elementary kids.

Simple, quick, easy to read.

Grace Castellucci says

It wasn't that good. She was just feeling sorry for herself the whole time. It was just a book for little kids. I didn't like it at all.

BrightSideofDeath says

A cute and humorous story about a girl entering fourth grade who is dealing with her parents divorce (her Dad is now in France), her mother dating a new guy, and her best friend since pre-school having moved away. Amber's personal narrative, as well as the antics and interpersonal interactions between her classmates are very funny and the dialog is well written. The story's big picture is about the process of becoming less egocentric while growing up and realizing that other people are lonely or unhappy too.

Johara Almogbel says

I love Amber Brown. A lot of the life tips I remembered as a kid came from her, like how potato chip crumbs fell down to her knees while Tiffani's stayed on her shirt, or how Picadilly Circus isn't an actual circus but a roundabout. And what to do if your best friend moves away. She isn't afraid to be her and I found that brilliant.

Still do, actually. And I appreciate her fashion sense more now. (Rhinestone sneakers, anyone? YES PLEASE.)

Bree says

I like to use the Amber Brown books for my read aloud breaks. She feels real and the kids can relate to her without the language being too gross or crude for parents who walk in to pick up their child and don't know what they overheard. It is short enough to typically finish in a week if nothing else is planned.

Alivia says

Amber Brown going fourth is something that every kid has to go through. But without her best friend makes it even more difficult and she has to make a new friend. That is hard for any kids and I love following Amber through that journey.
