

Andrew Lost on the Dog & Andrew Lost in the Bathroom

Recommended for Grades 2-4

Book Summary: Andrew Lost on the Dog

Andrew is a ten year old boy who loves to invent things. He started inventing when he was only four years old. The problem with his inventions is that they rarely work the way he intends them to. He invents an Atom Sucker which can suck the air out between atoms and shrink things down. The problem is that he accidentally shrinks a helicopter, his cousin Judy, and himself. Judy and Andrew find themselves inside a cave, which turns out to be inside the nose of Farley, the dog. They have to climb all over Farley to try to find the helicopter so they can get back to the Atom Sucker. They keep encountering obstacles, which Andrew's robot Thudd helps explain the science of what is going on and what they need to do.

[SPOILER] While on the dog, they face obstacles like a dog hair forest, giant dust mites, deep hair follicles, and a flea. There is no clear ending. The book ends with a cliffhanger where the dog is put in the bathtub and they are facing an ocean of bathwater. It does offer more scientific facts for kids to read about at the end of the book.

Book Summary: Andrew Lost in the Bathroom

Andrew and his cousin Judy were shrunk to the size of a mite in book one. Now they are on Farley, the dog, who is about to get a bath. In the mess of water and bubbles, Andrew and Judy get separated. Andrew has an invention called Umbubble, which he can blow up like bubble gum and climb inside. He does this and leaves his legs outside the bubble so he can kick them to move around the tub. Unfortunately, Thudd got wet and is now acting weird.

[SPOILER] Judy almost is eaten by an ant, but escapes and meets back up with Andrew. They should be fine in the Umbubble, but then Farley pulls the drain & they are in danger of being swept away. They are able to reach Andrew's Uncle Al through Thudd, but the connection is bad and he can't help them right away. They end up on a sponge and then have to face a spider. They are rescued from being eaten when Mrs. Scuttle whacks it with a broom. They are floating safely to the ground when Farley poops on the floor & they end up right next to it. Mrs. Scuttle scoops the poop & them up and drops them into the toilet!

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J. C. Greenburg has written many books for children. She is best known for the series 'Andrew Lost'. She is married to Dan Greenburg, who writes the Zach Files. They live in New York.



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Discussion Questions: Andrew Lost on the Dog

1. Andrew creates an Atom Sucker. Do you think such an invention is possible? Why or why not?
2. If you had an Atom Sucker, what would you shrink and why?
3. What did you think was the grossest thing to happen to Andrew and Judy when on the dog? Being in a dog's nose, meeting eyelash mites, meeting the flea, or something else?
4. What did you think of Thudd the robot? Why do you think the author put him in the story?
5. Do you like how the book ends? What do you think about books that end abruptly and you have to read the next book to know the ending of the story?

Discussion Questions: Andrew Lost In the Bathroom

1. Do you think anything like Umbubble exists? Think about how hard it is to blow a bubble. Do you think Andrew could really blow up the Umbubble big enough to sit inside? Why or why not?
2. Did you learn any new scientific information about bubbles, spiders, ants, slime, fungus or anything else that you didn't know before? If so, what? What did you find the most interesting?
3. They can communicate with Uncle Al via hologram. Would you want to communicate with people that way instead of on a telephone? Why or why not?
4. When they are tiny, they keep running into all sorts of living creatures like ants, fleas, mites, and spiders. Does it bother you to think that there are so many creatures around you and on you every day? Why or why not?
5. If you were shrunk down as small as Andrew and Judy were, where would you want to go? What would you want to do?



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