



Forever by Judy Blume

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*Age Range: 14 up (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: 7 and up (Suggested by Publisher)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Over 4 million copies sold!

Judy Blume's groundbreaking novel about first relationships, first love, and . . . the first time—now with a stunning new look!

The bed is brass, covered with a patchwork quilt, and “nice and firm,” Michael says, “in case you're interested.”

Katherine is interested.

Katherine and Michael are ready—for each other, for love. Katherine is ready for her first time. They are both ready for this to be forever. They are perfect together, inseparable. Until the summer separates them, and Katherine meets Theo. But she and Michael are truly in love. That means forever. Right? Is this really the love of a lifetime, or the very beginning of a lifetime of love?

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

“A convincing account of first love.” —*The New York Times Book Review*

“Characters—including adults and friends of the protagonists—are well developed, dialogue is natural, and the story is convincing.” —[Booklist](#)

“[R]eaders will still appreciate Judy Blume's honest depiction of young love.” —[Common Sense Media](#)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- A *Time* Best YA Book of All Time (2021)
- ALA Best of the Best Books for Young Adults
- ALA Margaret A. Edwards Award Winner
- NPR – Your Favorites: 100 Best-Ever Teen Novels

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MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Reading Group Guide](#)
- [Velshi Banned Book Club: Judy Blume and Jason Reynolds and the legacy of 'Forever...'](#)
- [A Mighty Girl blog post](#)
- [Entertainment Weekly interview with Judy Blume](#)
- [NPR interview with Judy Blume](#)
- [ALA 2023: Judy Blume Offers a Rousing Defense of the Freedom to Read](#)
- [Judy Blume's website resources](#)
- [Judy discusses *Forever*](#)
- [Roger Ebert's Review of Judy Blume Forever documentary](#)

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

- [Judy Blume on Censorship/Variety article](#)
- [PBS NewsHour Interview](#)
- [NCAC letter to Sugarloaf School in Summerland Key, FL](#)

AUTHOR STATEMENT

"Having the freedom to read and the freedom to choose is one of the best gifts my parents ever gave me."—Judy Blume

*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.

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