

Fudge-A-Mania

Fudge-A-Mania the movie is available on HULU and other services. It is about an hour and a half long.

Summary:

Peter Hatcher is a fifth-grade boy from New York City. His mother tells him that the family is going on a three-week vacation to Maine. She says that they will be neighbors with Sheila Tubman's family. Sheila is Peter's arch enemy. She is in sixth grade and he cannot stand her. Mom tries to ease the shock by saying Peter can invite his friend, Jimmy. Peter tells Jimmy that his house and Sheila's house are far-away and they will not have to deal with her. Jimmy agrees to come. Peter dreads the vacation.

Peter's family drives 10 hours to Southwest Harbor, Maine, a cute, little town. When they pull up to the vacation house, Sheila is on the porch. Peter realizes his family and the Tubmans share a connecting house. They must share a kitchen and living room. Only a door separates their two living spaces. Peter is horrified. Sheila is not happy either because she hates him too.

Sheila gets a job babysitting Peter's five-year-old brother, Fudge. Fudge is a curious and energetic boy. He is a handful. Since Jimmy is not there for the first part of Peter's vacation, Peter must hang out with Sheila and Fudge. They meet Mitzi, who is a neighbor girl and Fudge's age. Mitzi's grandfather is Big Apfel, who was a star baseball player for the Boston Red Sox. Peter gets excited that he will get to play in a Sunday game that is hosted by Big.

Jimmy visits. He is nice to Sheila, which makes Peter angry. Peter is angry because Jimmy is his friend, not Sheila's friend. Peter also develops his first crush on the library assistant, a 16-year-old girl who is pretty. Sheila and Fudge tease him about it.

They play in the baseball game with Big Apfel. Peter hopes Big looks at him and loses his concentration. He messes up a lot. He begins to get angry at himself, but Jimmy thanks him for inviting him to play. Fudge says Peter is his best brother. Peter realizes some things are more important than the baseball game like being a good friend and brother. Peter's grandmother and Sheila's grandfather have a romantic relationship and they marry. Peter realizes he will never get away from Sheila. During the reception, Peter and Sheila agree to hate each other forever.

Book Project

The project for this book is an ongoing one. At the end of each chapter, the kids will add to a mural which highlights each chapter. There are 14 chapters in this book. If you listen to one chapter per week, it will take over three months to finish the book. There is also a

movie which you can share with the kids either to set the stage for the book so they have a “picture” in mind from the beginning, or you can show it at the end, encouraging the kids to make their own pictures of the scenes and the people as they go along.

You will need large butcher paper for the mural. You can also have them create their picture on smaller paper and then glue stick it to the mural when then are satisfied with the smaller picture they have created. They will need crayons and colored pencils. After listening to each chapter, discuss what they heard. Ask them to consider what the scene looks like and what the people look like. Encourage them to be as detailed as possible. There are suggested questions under each chapter link below.

Chapter 1 Who’s the Lucky Bride?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K0EDZys53Tg>

1. What was your favorite part of the first chapter and why did you like it?
2. Can you name one of the characters you met in the first chapter and describe something interesting about them?
3. What exciting event or adventure started to happen in the first chapter that made you want to keep reading?

Chapter 2 Pete and Farley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NFpjX86Q7bo>

1. What new challenge or problem did the characters face in the second chapter?
2. Did you learn anything new about the main characters in this chapter? What was it?
3. How did the setting or place where the story happens change in this chapter? What do you think about it?

Chapter 3: The Most Disgusting of Them All

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLQw9JhPhpM>

1. What exciting or surprising event happened in the third chapter that you didn't expect?
2. How did the characters work together to solve a problem or achieve a goal in this chapter?

3. Did any new characters appear in the story? If so, who are they and what do you think about them?

Chapter 4: The Worst News of the Century

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Lv5dWKBFFM>

1. What funny or interesting thing did Fudge do in this chapter that made you laugh?
2. How did the other characters react to Fudge's actions in this chapter?
3. What new place or activity did the characters explore, and what did you like most about it?

Chapter 5 Uncle Feather's Adventure

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gSJwSuicV2c>

1. What new problem or challenge did the characters face in the fifth chapter, and how did they try to solve it?
2. Did you learn something new about one of the characters in this chapter? What was it?
3. What was your favorite moment in this chapter, and why did you enjoy it?

Chapter 6: The Perfect Baby-Sitter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KbmsT6-kCg>

1. What made the babysitter in this chapter "perfect" for the kids? Can you describe one of their qualities or actions?
2. How did Fudge react to the new babysitter, and what funny or surprising thing did he do?
3. If you could have the "perfect babysitter," what would they be like and why?

Chapter 7: The Best News of the Century

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PS4Z77lR1U>

1. What was the exciting news shared in this chapter, and why was it called "the best news of the century"?
2. How did the characters react to the big news? Who was the most excited and why?

3. If you got to hear amazing news like the characters did, what would you hope it to be and why?

Chapter 8: Fudge-a-Mania

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jdy2Vc11leY>

1. What was the funniest or most surprising thing that Fudge did in this chapter?
2. How did the other characters handle Fudge's antics in this chapter? Did anyone help him or get frustrated with him?
3. If you were in the story, what would you do to join in on the "Fudge-A-Mania" fun or help out with the chaos?

Chapter 9: Dizzy from Izzy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mg0jljD2b7M>

1. What did Izzy do in this chapter that made everyone feel dizzy or confused?
2. How did the main characters react to Izzy's actions? Did they find it funny or frustrating?
3. If you were one of the characters, how would you have handled the situation with Izzy? Would you have done anything differently?

Chapter 10: Green Gurgling Gas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOZS-683ZQY>

1. What caused the green gurgling gas in this chapter, and how did the characters discover it?
2. How did the characters react when they encountered the green gurgling gas? Were they scared, excited, or something else?
3. If you were in the story, what creative way would you come up with to deal with the green gurgling gas?

Chapter 11: The I.S.A.F. Club

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5G6yk0u4Abw>

1. What does the I. S. A. F. Club stand for, and who are its members?
2. What fun or interesting activities did the I. S. A. F. Club do in this chapter?

3. If you could start your own club with your friends, what would you name it and what activities would you do?

Chapter 12: Baby Feet

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nOjScCDiGZw>

1. Why is the chapter titled "Baby Feet," and what is the significance of baby feet in the story?
2. How did the characters react to the idea of baby feet, and did it lead to any funny or surprising moments?
3. If you could spend a day with the characters from this chapter, what would you do to join in the fun?

Chapter 13: Captain Fudge

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDR8YP-suWk>

1. Why is Fudge called "Captain Fudge" in this chapter, and what adventure or activity made him feel like a captain?
2. How did the other characters react to Fudge's new role as captain? Did they join in on the fun or have any funny moments?
3. If you were playing with Fudge and his friends, what kind of adventure would you imagine going on as part of Captain Fudge's crew?

Chapter 14: The Ring Bear

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdZ-FZ8oZGw>

1. How did Fudge feel about being chosen as the ring bearer for his grandmother's wedding, and what did he do to prepare for it?
2. What funny or memorable moments happened during Fudge's job as the ring bearer in this chapter?
3. If you were given an important job at a family event like Fudge, what job would you like to have and why?