

**TITLE:** Bud, Not Buddy

**AUTHOR:** Christopher Paul Curtis

**CATEGORY/GENRE:** Historical Fiction

**SERIES:** Sequel to this book is *The Mighty Miss Malone*

**AWARDS:** Newbery Medal 2000, Coretta Scott King Author Award 2000, William Allen White Children's Book Award (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

**SIMILAR BOOKS BY OTHER AUTHORS:** *A Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck; *A Year Down Yonder* by Richard Peck; *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse; *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech; *William S. and the Great Escape* by Zilpha Keutley Snyder; *Somewhere in the Darkness* by Walter Dean Myers

**AVAILABLE:** STC: book, book on CD; SEO Libraries Interlibrary Loan: book, eBook, audiobook, book on CD; Libby: book, audiobook

**ABOUT THIS BOOK:** The Depression was a difficult time for everyone, including ten-year-old Bud Caldwell. His mamma died when he was six, so he has been in an orphanage and various foster homes since then. After enduring abuse at the latest foster home, Bud decides to set out on his own in search of the father he never knew. Stopping by a shanty town, Bud meets Deza Malone who tells him "if you don't have family, it is like dust blowin' in the wind." Will this give Bud the determination, courage, and perseverance to find out if the contents of his tattered suitcase, all he has left of his mamma, will lead him to the wonderful feeling of love, home, and family he yearns for? The story has a lot of funny episodes and adventure; however, it also contains some sensitive subject matter, such as abuse and racial tensions.

**YOU MIGHT LIKE THIS BOOK IF...**you like humorous stories. While Bud endures hardship and sadness, he also manages to entertain with quotes from his survival tactics list called "Bud Caldwell's Rules and Things for Having a Funner Life and Making a Better Liar Out of Yourself." For those interested in history, this book contains information about life during the Depression and the Jazz Age. The author makes mentions of several well-known people and places from history. Listening to this book in audio format brings the story to life.