
BLUE, Zachary
See STINE, R(obert) L(awrence)

BLUME, Judy (Sussman) 1938-

AWARDS UPDATE—See index for MAICYA sketch: Winner of Margaret A. Edwards Award for Outstanding Literature for Young Adults, American Library Association, 1996. Perhaps the most popular contemporary author of works for upper elementary to junior high school readers, Judy Blume is the creator of numerous frank, often humorous stories which focus on the emotional and social concerns of suburban adolescents. Blume has won a loyal following among the young as well as fervent criticism from some concerned parents and educators over her fictional treatment of such issues as friction between parents and children, friendship, peer group approval, divorce, social ostracism, religion, death, and sexuality. Blume’s 1993 novel Here’s to You, Rachel Robinson, a companion volume to her 1987 Just as Long as We’re Together, “is a typical Blume novel,” according to Voice of Youth Advocates reviewer Wendy E. Betts, containing many of the author’s “usual trademarks: readable prose, casual but effective use of detail and an interesting mix of child and adult characters.” The narrator is an overachiever experiencing mounting internal pressure as her snide older brother returns from boarding school to torment her; problems with friends and increasingly difficult schoolwork combine to push her to the breaking point. Reviewers praised Blume’s depiction of the protagonist’s stressful family life. “Blume is honest and fair about contemporary family life, passing out neither blame nor sermons,” observed Roger Sutton in Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books. Here’s to You, Rachel Robinson’s appearance finds the author “back near the top of her form,” according to Booklist contributor Ilene Cooper.

WORKS CITED:
Cooper, Ilene, review of Here’s to You, Rachel Robinson, Booklist. September 1, 1993, p. 50.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:
BOOKS
Wheeler, Jill C., Judy Blume, Adbo & Daughters (Minneapolis, MN), 1996.

BODE, Janet 1943-

■ Personal
Surname is pronounced Boe-dy; born July 14, 1943, in Penn Yan, NY; daughter of Carl J. (a writer and professor) and Margaret (Lutze) Bode. Education: University of Maryland, B.A., 1965; graduate study at Michigan State University and Bowie State College.

■ Addresses
Home—New York, NY.

■ Career
Writer, since 1972. Has worked in Germany, Mexico, and the United States as personnel specialist, program director, community organizer, public relations director, and teacher. Member: PEN, National Writers Union, Authors Guild.

■ Awards, Honors
Outstanding Social Studies Book Award, National Council for Social Studies (NCSS), for Rape: Preventing It; Coping with the Legal, Medical and Emotional Aftermath; Notable Children’s Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies, NCSS. Best Books for Young Adults Citation, American Library Association (ALA). Book for the Teen Age selection, New York Public Library (NYPL), 1981 and 1982, all for Kids Having Kids: The Unwed Teenage Parent; Best Books for Young Adults selection, ALA, Outstanding Merit Book, NCSS, 1990 Books for the Teen Age selection, NYPL, all for New Kinds on the Block: Oral Histories of Immigrant Teens; Best Books for Young Adults selection, ALA, 1991 Books for the Teen Age, NYPL, Blue Ribbon Book. Bulletin for the Center of Children’s Books. Best Book citation, School Library Journal, Editor’s Choice, Booklist, all for The Voices of Rape; Best Books for Young Adults selection, ALA, 1992 Books for the Teen Age, NYPL, Recommended Books for Reluctant Young Readers, Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), all for Beating the Odds: Stories of Unexpected Achievers; Notable Children’s Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies, NCSS. 1993 Books for the Teen Age, NYPL. both for Kids Still Having Kids: People Talk about Teen Pregnancy; Quick Picks—Best Books for Reluctant Readers selection, YALSA, 1993 Books for the Teen Age, NYPL, Young Adults’ Choice for 1995, International Reading Association. all for Death Is Hard to Live With: Teenagers Talk about How They Cope with Loss; Best Books for Young Adults selection, ALA, 1995

### Writings

- **Rape: Preventing It: Coping with the Legal, Medical and Emotional Aftermath** (young adult), F. Watts, 1979.
- **The Voices of Rape**, F. Watts, 1990.