

Ida B.
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What kind of pet did Ida B have?
A dog (p. 4)

What is the name of Ida B's dog?
Rufus (p. 4)

What type of fruit is grown near Ida B's house?
Apples (p. 7)

What does Ida B talk to in nature?
Trees (p. 8) and the brook (p. 12)

What is the difference between Ida and Ida B?
Ida is the mother and Ida B is the daughter (p. 17)

What is Ida B's last name?
Applewood (p. 18)

After seeing the doctor about the Soap Mask, what did Ida B think would happen if a child waited to speak until everyone settled down and gave her some room?
Most important things would never get said. (p. 26)

What did Ida B believe good plans were for?
They were the best way to maximize fun, avoid disaster, and possible, save the world. (p. 38)

How did Ida B do on her test at the end of each year?
She passed with super-brilliant-flying colors. (p. 40)

What is the name of the school Ida B attends?
Ernest B. Lawson Elementary (p. 41)

What thoughts led Ida B to learn that even when you think you're in heaven you need to stay alert and have a plan?
The bad thing about being a snake is that you don't realize the perfect, so-good-you-almost-can't-believe-it's true rock is really a road, and you're so cushy-comfy and sleeping that you don't hear that big old truck, hauling two tons of tomatoes getting closer and closer, and the next thing you know *split, splat*, and a couple of crunches, too – there are tire tracks on either end of you. (p. 63-64)

What did Ida B keep in her "Bag of Assorted Things for Not Yet Determined Plans"?
Her mother's hair that had fallen out. (p. 68)

What made it necessary for Ida B to return to public school instead of being homeschooled?
Her father can't take care of the farm by himself and her mother is too tired (p. 81)

How did Ida B describe her "new" transformed heart?

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It had gotten so small that it would fit in the palm of her hand, and it was so hard nobody could break it, and so sharp it would hurt anybody who touched it. (p. 87)

After Daddy told her about selling some of the property and that she would have to go back to school, Ida B went up the mountain and stood in front of the old tree that had told her "It will be all right". What did she do?

She yelled, "You stupid old tree!" and kicked its trunk as hard as she could. (p.89)

On Ida B's first day of 4th grade, what color clothing did she mostly wear?

Black (p. 90)

What is the name of Ida B's 4th grade teacher?

Ms. Washington (p. 98)

In Room 130, who had sparkly shirt, sparkly fingernails, and sparkly barrettes?

Patrice (p. 103)

How did Ida B describe her first day back at school?

"Better than being buried in an anthill with a boa constrictor around your neck and lima beans stuffed in your mouth" (p. 106)

What did Ms. Washington's voice sound like?

Low and deep and strong like a tuba, or hop, hop, hop quick and light like a flute. (p. 129)

What did Mrs. Washington ask Ida B to do with Ronnie?

Help him learn his multiplication tables (p. 132)

What did Ronnie and Ida B play for in their times tables game?

Quarters (p. 139)

According to Ida B, what does "O.K." now also stand for?

Overwhelming Kalamity (p. 153)

What was it that Ida B said that made her finally start to feel better?

I'm Sorry (p. 220-221)

What is apologizing like?

"Spring cleaning" (p. 222)

Who is the author of Ida B?

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In her head, what did Ida call Ms. Washington?

"Ms. W" (p. 131)

What was Ida B's response after Daddy told her that they were only the caretakers of the land and they needed to leave it better than they found it?

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She said. "I think the earth takes care of us, too." (p. 32)

What is the zipcode for Ida B's town? 55500 (p. 6)

Where is the Applewood's farm located?
Lawson's Grove, Wisconsin (p. 6)

What are the names of Ida B's tree friends?

Beulah, Charlie, Pastel, Henry VIII (p. 8), Viola (p. 9), Gertrude, Paulie T. (p. 10), Beatrice (p. 11), The Old Tree (p. 12), Winston, Bernice (p. 177), Philomena (p. 224), Maurice (p. 226)

Ida B made signs to scare away the new people who were building houses. Name as many of the deadly and dangerous things written on the signs as you are able.

Poisonous snakes, Tarantula, Tornados, Tsetse flies, Malamute, Locusts (p. 125/126)
Typhoon, water rats (p. 164)

Name as many as you are able of the different ball games played in the books.

Soccer - Penderwicks (p. 159)

Baseball - Heat (p. 7)

Dodgeball - Ida B. (p. 234-235)

Snowball fight - Mysterious Benedict Society (p. 484)

What is the name of the girl whose family buys part of the orchard and farmland?
Claire (p. 162)

Who does Ida B help with their times tables?
Ronnie (DeKuyper) (p. 132)

Who was Ida B's kindergarten teacher?
Ms. Myers (p. 41)

What was the police chief's name?
Vernon Q. Highwater (p. 126)

What did Ms. Washington do after lunch each day?
She would read out loud to the class. (p. 129)

What does Ms. Washington do every day with Ida B at recess?
Sits next to her on the steps/says, "Anything you want to talk about?" (p. 128)

What two things did Ida B's father have to sell to pay for her mother's medical bills?
Part of the orchard and some of the farmland (p. 78)

What does Ida B eat for breakfast every day?
Hot rolled oats with raisins, and milk, no sugar (p. 34)

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Which of Ida B's "nature friends" is the wisest?
The Old Tree (p. 13)

What was Ida's nickname for the school bus?
The Yellow Prison of Propulsion (p. 109)

What grade was Ida B. entering?
4th (p. 98)