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## **Fruit and Nutcase** Jean Ure

The third title in Jean Ure's acclaimed series of humorous, delightful and poignant stories written in the form of diaries and letters which make them immediately accessible to children.

This is the story of how Mandy learns to cope with her untidy life and finally emerges triumphant.

Mandy Small has trouble writing so Cat, her teacher, suggests that she tells her life story into a tape recorder. So begins Mandy's funny and sometimes sad story of life with her loving but chaotic parents – Dad, the Elvis look-alike, and Mum, whose idea of a special meal is burnt toast!

Then there's school, where the horrible Tracey Bigg picks on Mandy and her timid friend, Oliver, not to mention Old Misery Guts, the landlady and Nan, who thinks that Mandy's parents aren't fit to look after her. With so many things to worry about, Mandy begins to think that she's in danger of turning into a real Fruit and Nutcase!

Mandy's story, told in the form of diary into a tape recorder, is a funny and often moving account of a child's everyday life, with all its difficulties. Hilariously illustrated by Mick Brownfield.

## **Fruit and Nutcase Details**

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# From Reader Review Fruit and Nutcase for online ebook

## Oz says

The narrative is all over the place, but Jean Ure captures Jacqueline Wilson's narrative well. She was one of the authors that popped up around the peak of Wilson's popularity.

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## Amelia says

Umm, not 1 of the best books I've read....

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## Sofia Fitzpatrick says

This book was very entertaining. I very much enjoyed it. I recommend it.

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## Mia Bakhthiar says

It was alright, but it could've been a little more interesting to me, personally.

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## Sophia says

Read as a child, interesting as it deals with something that has been put to awareness these past few months. Mandy's life is the same as many others in the world today. It contains a vast majority of comedy, the issues of bullying, friendship, and responsibility.

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## Denisse González says

This book is about a teenager telling her story through a tape recorder, she isn't a good writer but she likes talking. Her life involves school, her parents, her house. What I learned from this book is that although you have many problems involved in your life you can continue living with what you have and telling your story without lying, telling what has really happened to you, whether you like it or not.

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## Samantha says

this book is about a girl telling her life story through a tape recorder as she is not good in writing but very good in talking.

her life story has many interesting things. There's this big bully in her school but it doesn't seem to affect her as she always defends herself.

Her parents don't take care of her. Instead, she takes care of them! She's the one who wakes her mom up every morning for work. Not that her mom's sick or anything, it's just that her parents are both seriously daft!

Her father is an Elvis Presley look alike. He used to perform daily gigs at a local centre but stopped ever since he fell off the stage. He always seems to fall down.

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### **Junior Reading Group says**

I absolutely loved this book!!! It's about a girl who lives in a flat with her parents. The flat isn't really very homey as it is DANGEROUS the floor boards fall down and the cupboards come off the wall. Mandy gets injured in her home because she falls through the floor and gets a black eye. Her parents leave her during the day because they have to go to work. Mandy's nana dropped by and went off it and started shouting at Mandy for being in the house by herself. When her parents came home her nana was still there and then her nana started shouting at Mandy's parents for leaving her in the house alone. So then Mandy gets taken away! Her parents go to classes to improve themselves because they want Mandy back. Finally Mandy gets taken back to the flat where her parents live and there home has completely changed. At the end Mandy goes back into the kitchen and prays that the cabinet doesn't fall down again but....IT DOES!!!!

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### **Hanh says**

The story was amusing and funny.

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### **Sakinah Azmi says**

Hilarious and interesting. Worth a grab.

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