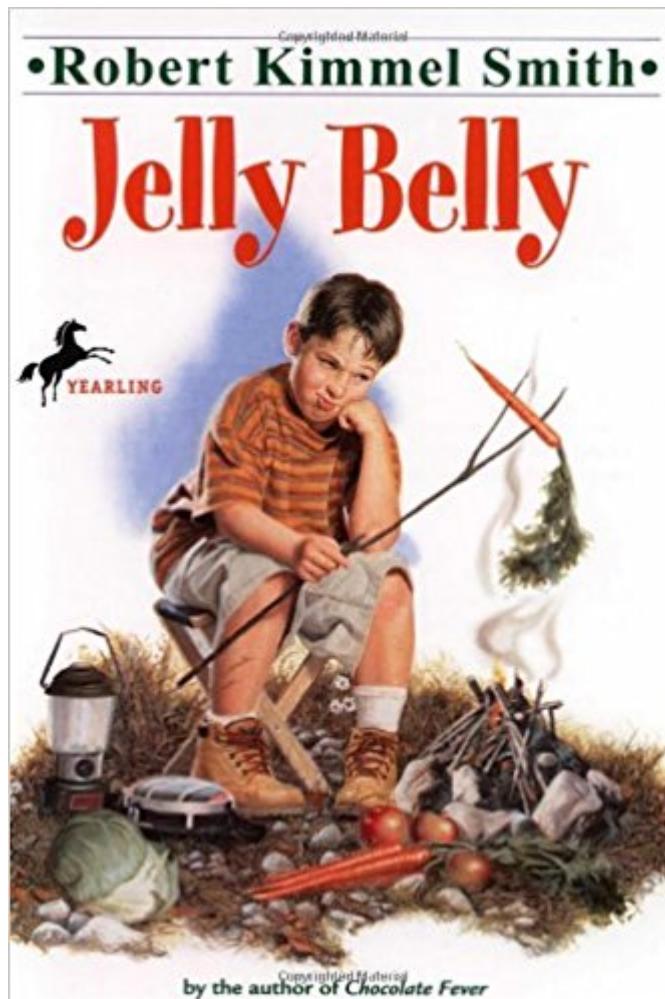


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# Jelly Belly



## **Synopsis**

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## **Customer Reviews**

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The story was about this fat boy named Ned and he went to camp lean too. And he got fatter. Then at the end of the book he lost the weight. He was skinny and he felt great about himself.

This is an old book, but it still has a message to send. If you struggle with bullies, this is a great read.

I use this book for my classroom kiddos who struggling in their independent reading. The storyline is reasonably predictable, which helps them follow the book with greater ease.

It is an excellent book and I enjoyed it very much!

I bought this on the advice of a friend.....turns out he gave me the wrong title.I guess it would be OK if I were still young, like Ned.....

I just read this as an adult and still love it. What a great story. I think anyone with weight issues can relate. Contains a lot of humor and I love the grandmother! Kids will love this book, you should get it.

I was about the same age as the fictional Ned when this book first came out in the 1980's. And, like Ned, I also battled my weight. I thoroughly enjoyed the book then, and I would highly recommend it now. Robert Kimmel Smith takes on the complex problem of weight management and presents it in a humorous and age-appropriate manner, without being preachy or simplistic. Although some readers complained that the writing style was "dated," the material is even more relevant today since the problem of childhood obesity has gotten worse, not better, over the last twenty years.Ned is eleven-years-old and has a loving family, great friends, an active school life...and an extra thirty

pounds hanging off his slight frame. That excess weight has become the main focus in Ned's life, as he tries to reconcile all the conflicting messages from everyone around him: his parents, who want to help him knock off the pounds and be healthy; his grandma, who equates love with feeding her family yummy homemade treats; his schoolmates, who taunt him with cries of "Jelly Belly!"

I read this book in elementary school, just after it was reissued in 1983. Kids, this was one of my favorite books all through school-- and I remember it to this day! I think "Jelly Belly" has an important lesson about balance. Ned has to learn how to balance eating with moderation-- not eating too much, or too often. He has to balance this healthy lifestyle with the influences all around him-- including eating a different meal in front of his family, who can eat foods with oil and fat. And he has to balance his need to diet with not hurting his grandmother's feelings, because when he can't eat the treats she makes him, she feels really sad and like Ned doesn't love her. She and Ned BOTH need to learn about his new diet and understand that, although it is tough to stick to, it will make him feel better. Many kids have to deal with something that makes them different and that other people just don't understand. That's what this story is really about-- not just about dieting. I hope you enjoy this book as much as I did when I was your age.

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