

## Book Backdrops: Connecting Literature and Primary Sources

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cover Image</b></p> 	<p><b>Title:</b> Curtin, Christopher Paul. <i><b>Bud, Not Buddy</b></i>. NY: Random House, Inc., c1999. ISBN: 0-553-49410-4</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Bud Caldwell is alone in depression era Michigan. His mother has died and he has no idea who his father is. But armed with his suitcase full of special treasures, Bud (not Buddy – as most people insist on calling him) set out to find a man he believes is his father.</p> <p><b>Setting:</b> Michigan during the Great Depression</p> <p><b>Subjects:</b> Child abuse, Hoovervilles, riding the rails, runaways, African American music in the 1930s.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Primary Source Thumbnail</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Library of Congress Bibliographic Information and Book Notes</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Dwellers in Cirleville’s “Hooverville,” central Ohio, 1938.</p> <p><b>Photographer:</b> Shahn, Ben</p> <p><b>Collection:</b> Farm Security Administration-Office of War Information Photograph collection (Library of Congress).</p> <p><b>URL:</b> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/fsa.8a18451">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/fsa.8a18451</a></p> <p><b>Book Notes:</b> After Bud runs away from the abusive foster care family, he meets up with his friend Bugs. Together they set out for the West, leaving Flint Michigan looking for a town called “Hooperville.” What the discover is Hooverville and they spend some time here waiting to catch a train to Chicago.</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Colored Band Concert, Norman L. Black, conductor. Federal Art Project, 1936.</p> <p><b>Collection:</b> Works Project Administration Poster Collection (Library of Congress).</p> <p><b>URL:</b> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3b48874">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3b48874</a></p> <p><b>Book Notes:</b> Bud carries with him a poster which advertises a concert by a man named Herman E. Calloway, the man Bud believes may be his father.</p>



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**Book Notes:** Bud and Bugs find themselves in a dangerous situation when they attempt to "ride the rails" to Chicago. One of them makes it; one does not.