

**3rd Grade Curriculum Guide Book Summary**

**Book title: *You’re Not My Best Friend Anymore***

**Author:** Charlotte Pomerantz

**Main characters:** Ben and Molly

**Executive summary:** Best friends Ben and Molly disagree and get angry at each other, but they learn that their friendship is more important than anything else and forgive each other.

**Detailed summary:** Ben and Molly lived in a two-family house. Molly lived with her family in the lower part of the house. Ben lived with his family in the upper part. They were best friends. They did everything together. They walked to school, ate lunch and did their homework together. On some days they even wore matching T-shirts. Because their birthdays were just ten days apart, they celebrated their birthdays together, too.

Sometimes Ben and Molly would pool their allowance and buy things together. They were planning to buy a tent with their combined birthday money. But they couldn’t agree on what to buy. They got into a huge fight about whether to buy a pup tent, which Molly wanted, or an umbrella tent, which Ben wanted. Neither Ben nor Molly would change their mind. So Molly stomped out of Ben’s house and told him she wasn’t his best friend anymore.

After that, for four days, they didn’t talk to each other. They didn’t walk to school together or eat lunch together. They didn’t do homework together or dress alike. They were angry and unhappy.

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Then just a couple days before they would celebrate their birthdays together, Ben saw Molly and asked her what kind of cake she wanted for the party. His Dad wanted to know, because he always baked the cakes. They decided that even though they were still mad at each other, it would be best for everyone if they still had a combined birthday party.

The day of the party they didn’t speak to each other. After the party Ben said he had a present for Molly. She had a present for him too. They had bought each other the same gift, sleeping bags. Ben used his allowance to buy Molly a sleeping bag with Raggedy Andy on it. Molly used her allowance to by Ben a sleeping bag with a puppy on it. That night their parents gave them permission to sleep outside under the stars in their new sleeping bags. They were no longer angry with each other, and they both decided that it didn’t matter what type of tent they bought. Their friendship was more important.