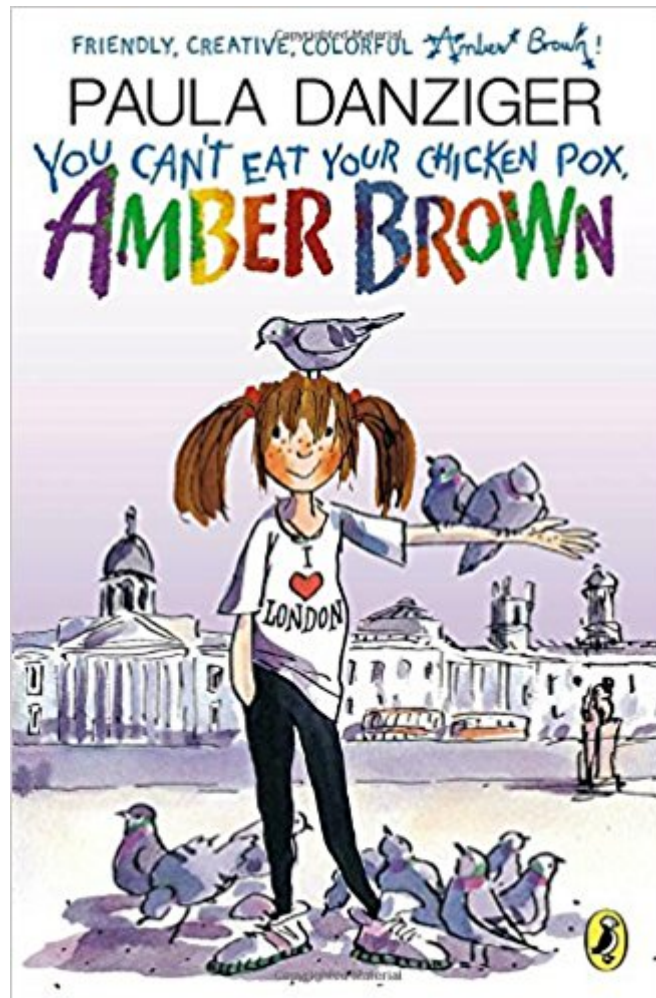


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# You Can't Eat Your Chicken Pox, Amber Brown



## Synopsis

It's finally summer and Amber Brown is going to London to visit her aunt Pam and then to Paris to visit with her father. She is one excited kid before she goes. And one itchy kid when she arrives. Mosquito bites, she thinks. Chicken pox, she finds out. Is her vacation completely ruined? And now that she can't go to Paris, how will she be able to convince her dad to move back home?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

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## Customer Reviews

A bad case of the chicken pox doesn't dampen the spirits of Danziger's spunky heroine (introduced in *Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon*)-even though the spots appear at the start of her anxiously awaited summer trip to London with her aunt. What does dismay the impulsive, soon-to-be-fourth grader, however, is the likelihood that her parents' six-month separation will be permanent. When she is unable to keep her plans to visit her father, who now lives in France, he travels to London to see her, and their rendezvous sets the scene for some poignant conversations about the separation. (When her father tells Amber that he has missed seeing her and taking her places, she responds, "I miss that too.... And I miss just being a kid who doesn't have to think about all of this stuff.") Danziger deftly balances the serious with the lighthearted, as Amber's chatty, first-person narration

is also filled with humorous reflections and observations. A worthy sequel. Ages 8-12. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 2-4?In this sequel to *Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon* (Putnam, 1994), Amber has completed the third grade and is looking ahead to an exciting summer. She is going to London with her Aunt Pam, and then on to Paris to see her father. Her parents are getting a divorce, yet she hopes that somehow she can bring them back together. Once in London, though, she comes down with the chicken pox, and her father comes to visit her. She then realizes that her parents won't get back together, but her dad does promise that he will return to the U.S. soon, and it looks like he and Amber's mother will communicate more openly in the future. Amber is bright, perky, and thoroughly likable, and the story is upbeat, authentic, and humorous. While recuperating, Amber writes funny letters to her friend Justin, plays board games with her aunt, and gets trapped in an elevator. She is a convincing eight-year-old in her behavior, interests, perceptions, and penchant for gross humor. Appealing black-ink cartoons appear throughout. This is a delightful selection, sure to please fans of the first book and win some new ones.?Marilyn Taniguchi, Santa Monica Public Library, CA  
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Below Is My 7 Year Old Daughters Review:This Is What I Think About This Book:I Think That This Book Is Pretty Good Because: Amber Was In London For Summer Break To See Her Aunt Pam And The People In London Call Some Things Different Than We Do In The U.S. Ambers Aunt Pam Kept Saying "Elevators Ho And Wagons Ho". I Did Not Really Get That And It Kept Going On And Getting Annoying. But The Rest Was Great!At The House In London She Got Chicken Pox But Her Dad And Mom Are Divorced And Amber Was Going To Go See Her Dad In France. But She Got Chicken Pox So Her Dad Had To Go To London. And No She Did Not Eat Chicken Pox!

Just what I needed for a presentation.

Exactly as described

My 8 year old loves these books! Great topics and appropriate reading level. I think it has helped her deal with her own feelings.

My daughter is really enjoying the Amber Brown series.

Good

This book was recommended by my daughter's teacher for her reading level. I did not think introducing divorce and irresponsible parent behavior to a 7-year old was appropriate. The first book was not as bad but I wished I had read this first before letting my daughter read it.

Third grader, Amber Brown, has experienced one very trying year. First, her parents informed her that not only were they getting a divorce, but that her father was moving to France to take on a new job. Then, to add even more drama to the mix, her best friend since preschool, Justin Daniels, up and left New Jersey to accompany his family in Arizona where his father had taken on a new job. Now, while Amber is happy to be embarking on the unknown world of fourth grade, she's upset to be leaving her beloved teacher, Mr. Cohen, behind. Mr. Cohen has made learning fun, and his frequent trips to foreign countries with his class will sorely be missed - especially by Amber. Luckily, this year Amber has something to look forward to during her summer vacation. First, she will be flying to London to spend two weeks with her Aunt Pam in England - a place where people drive on the wrong side of the road. Then, she'll be flying to Paris, France, where she'll be spending time with her father, whom she hasn't seen in what seems like forever. However, Amber's plans instantly change when she gets to London and realizes that she has come down with a case of chicken pox. Amber is horrified. With chicken pox, she can't possibly see the sights that London has to offer, or visit her father in France. Amber just knows that her summer is completely ruined, and can't believe her luck. That is, until she discovers that having the chicken pox isn't as bad as she originally thought - especially when you're surrounded by people you love. In *AMBER BROWN IS NOT A CRAYON*, Paula Danziger tackled the issue of having your best friend move away. In *YOU CAN'T EAT YOUR CHICKEN POX* *AMBER BROWN*, Danziger tackles another issue - even more serious than the last - divorce - yet manages to keep it light-hearted, and easy-to-understand for young readers. Amber Brown, as always, is her usual chatty self, with her perky disposition, and a penchant for finding the humorous side in any situation. While the majority of the tale takes place in a London flat, it is in this location where Amber truly comes face-to-face with the many monsters that are haunting her - from a sudden illness to her parents lingering divorce. The introduction of Amber's Aunt Pam, along with her father are a nice inclusion to the tale. However, they certainly do

not take the place of Amber's best friend, Justin, or her mother. The storyline in this particular book is slightly more touching, and a little more heart-wrenching, but Danziger is able to pull it off, and showcase Amber's feisty, upbeat personality - even in the face of sorrow. A slightly somber addition to the world of Amber Brown. Erika Sorocco Freelance Reviewer

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