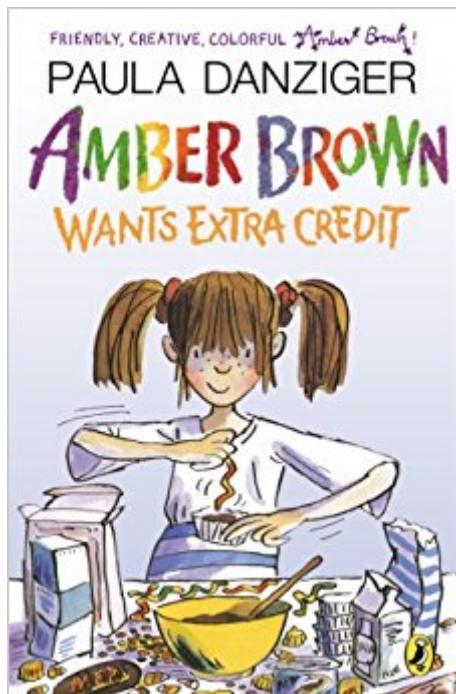


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# Amber Brown Wants Extra Credit



## **Synopsis**

Amber Brown is in deep trouble. Lately, no matter what she does, it isn't enough. She straightens up her room?sort of. She does her homework?well, most of it. And she agrees to meet Max, her mother?s new boyfriend?but she doesn?t agree to like him. Now her mother is angry, her teacher wants all of her homework, and Max keeps trying to make her laugh. What?s Amber to do? All she wants is a little extra credit. She really tries. . . . But how will she succeed?

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## **Customer Reviews**

Grade 3-5?Fourth grade is off to a shaky start for Amber Brown, so she asks her teacher for extra-credit work. The girl learns that since she has not handed in her original assignments, she doesn't qualify. She realizes she needs to work hard on her upcoming projects so her mother won't find out about her poor performance. Paralleling this school situation is the fact that Amber is coping with her parents' divorce. She engages in all sorts of antics to emphasize her displeasure with her mother's new companion, and learns that her father (living in France) has also met someone. By the end of the story, Amber realizes that life holds change, as well as the potential for happiness. With

her feisty, resilient personality, she is ready for it. Line drawings decorate the narrative. Readers will laugh out loud at the child's energetic capers and feel the sense of loss she expresses. Whatever the emotion, Danziger warrants "extra credit" for her latest addition to Amber Brown's escapades.?Cheryl Cufari, N. A. Walbran Elementary School, Oriskany, NYCopyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Gr. 3^5. Upset about her parents' divorce and her mother's growing friendship with Max, Amber has trouble getting her schoolwork done. Though this sounds like a typical "problem novel," it's an Amber Brown book as well, full of humor arising from Amber's fresh point of view. Written in the first person, with a good ear for dialogue, the story offers believable characters, adults as well as children. Danziger skillfully weaves the emotional threads into the fabric of a fourth-grader's everyday life. From the colorful jacket to the drawings throughout the book, Tony Ross' expressive and sometimes comical illustrations capture the spirit of the story. The last chapter, a progress report from Amber's teacher, closes with the words "I look forward to watching her progress for the rest of the year." Readers will echo that sentiment. Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

The Amber Brown series has turned my son into a reader. He has severe ADHD, so keeping him interested long enough to read is a challenge. He also has issues with reading as it is a nonpreferred activity and he will usually do anything to avoid it. Then he found Amber Brown! He loves these books and is actually asking for extra reading time!

Generally I like Paula Danziger's books, but my granddaughter wasn't thrilled with this one. There is so much pressure on kids to conform in school that it's harder these days to appreciate that non-conforming has any value except to get you in trouble. The message isn't as cool as it used to be.

Present for granddaughter, she loves to read and she really loves the Amber Brown books. She was very happy, and I was very pleased.

My daughter is really enjoying the Amber Brown series.

Bought this book for my 8 year old 3rd grader as a part of his summer reading assignments. It was

enjoyed by both my 8 and 6 year old.

Book Review of *Amber Brown Wants Extra Credit* By:Paula Danziger Fiction This review is by my 3rd grade student, Breanna. *Amber Brown* is so hilarious! Today she wants extra credit! Not because she is tired of doing regular old homework. She wants to make delicious cupcakes! But with anything off the shelf... like gummy worms... and she has more disgusting things. The book makes me anxious. I had a cup full of fun because she gets all messy. Her mom is dating a boy named Max! Now instead of getting her homework in early, now its late. Instead of her room clean, it's dirty. She loves writing notes to her dad in France. You will get messy in this messy old book. I love this messy book because it's fun to find out about what she and Max and her mom are up to. This is so hilarious. I am so hyper active! I recommend this book to K-6 grade. You will dig into this book like you have a shovel.-Breanna

ISBN 0590947168 - *Amber Brown* is a character I've really come to like, but these books are marked for ages 7 to 10 which some parents might disagree with. If you have issues with a classmate of Amber's wearing a bra (and Amber mentioning it) or violence... although it's all aimed at Barbie dolls... this is not the book for your child. Amber's struggling with her parents divorce and mother's new relationship and it's beginning to show in her grades. Faced with the threat of a letter home, she sets out to repair the damage and asks for extra credit. Her teacher refuses to allow her to get any, explaining that extra credit is for students who are obviously trying very hard - and Amber hasn't been. The only thing left to do is work very hard on her newest assignment. Adding to her woes, Amber makes her mother cry when she continues to refuse to meet Max, her new boyfriend. Certain, or pretending to be, that her parents will get back together, Amber has no desire to meet - and worse, possibly like - the man who might want to try replacing her father. These books are so authentic that I can't see why anyone would object to the topics. Divorce happens, children react badly, divorced parents date, fourth grade girls have been known to wear bras, siblings torment each other (sometimes through Barbie dolls!). That there is a book - even better, a series of books - that children in these situations can relate to is a great thing. Still, if you think your 7 year old isn't prepared for any of the content, you might want to hold off sharing this series for a couple years. I, for one, think kids will enjoy *Amber* every step of the way.- AnnaLovesBooks

I love this book and how the characters develop over the series. I think it's sad that over protective parents are lowering their review because of material that is "too mature." When I was in fourth

grade my parents had been divorced for two years, my father was remarried, my mother living with a man she met through a chat room, and my sister and I were basically raising ourselves. I started getting obsessed with my body image and ignoring toys that used to be my best friends. The series is all about growing up. It's as perfect about growing with the reader in its style and diction as the Harry Potter series is about developing complexity as Harry ages through the series. Five stars plus!

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