



Bubble Trouble - Margaret Mahy

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"Little Mabel blew a bubble and it caused a lot of trouble, such a lot of bubble trouble in a bibble-bobble way."

The bubble encircles Mabel's baby brother and lifts him up and away. A frantic chase ensues with an increasing chain of villagers trying to save the baby. Young children and elderly aunts join in, but the bubble wibble-wobbles out of reach. The rhyme rolls along with frenetic energy as the bubble rises higher towards the church steeple.

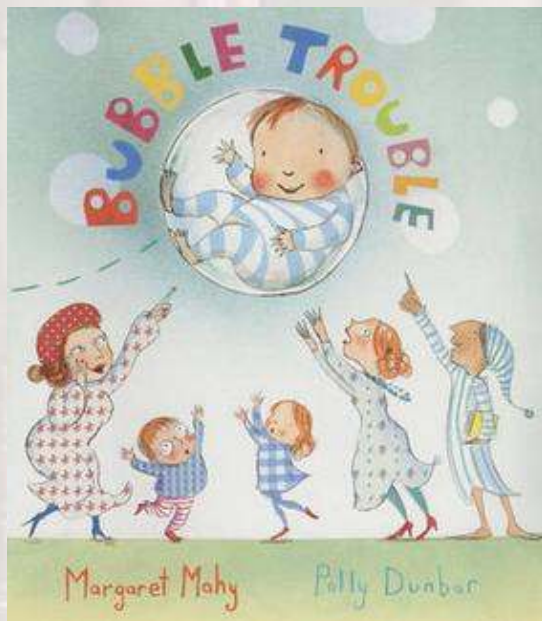
"There was such a flum-a-diddle (Mabel huddled in the middle), Canon Dapple left the chapel, followed by the chapel choir."

Mahy has plotted her story with care. Alongside the eccentric characters, she has planted clues that lead to the ingenious finale.

Polly Dunbar's watercolour illustrations are bright and playful. The rosy-cheeked baby smiles as he floats along, in contrast to the anxious expressions of his mother and Mabel. The antics of the villagers add interest to the drama with many details drawing the eye.

Another Margaret Mahy classic book to delight the family.

Reviewed by children's book author, Jean Bennett.



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