Bubble Trouble by Margaret Mahy

Another hilarious rhyming romp from the team who brought us the popular DOWN THE BACK OF THE CHAIR.

When little Mabel’s bubble gets away from her, it’s her baby brother who gets into trouble. Soon he’s floating out of the house, above the fence, and all over town! And it’s up to Mabel, Mother, and the rest of the townspeople to get him safely back down. Who knew that so much trouble could come from one little bubble?

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My Personal Review:
Mabel was sitting at the table blowing bubbles. The kitty was sitting on the table watching the baby and the baby was watching the kitty. All of a sudden one of those bubbles was a lot of bubble trouble in a bibble-bobble way. It floated across the table and bobbled her baby brother and wafted him away! Oh, my . . . Mabel and the kitty were in hot pursuit of the baby in the bubble and when she called to her mother the alarm was on.

At the sudden call of trouble, Mother took off at the double, for the squealing left her reeling, made her terrified and tense, saw the bubble for a minute, with the baby bobbing in it, as it bibbled by the letterbox and bobbed across the fence.

As the baby bibble-bobbled over the town people began to panic and joined in the chase. Chrysta and Greville, Tybal and Sybil, Mr. Copple and the Mrs. (a crabby couple) Mrs. Threeble with her needle were on the run lest the bubble burst and vanish in the sky. It was a real flum-a-diddle, and
no one knew quite what to do, but then there was rascally Abel with his slingshot. Oh, no! What would happen if he burst the bubble?

This is one of those superb, exuberant books that only comes around once in a great while. It is an all-around pleaser that both children and adults will marvel over it. The art work meshes perfectly and captures the excitement of the chase. Much of the text swirls up and down following the bibble-bobble path the baby is taking. If you are an expressive reader, your young audience will be rapt with excitement when you read this story in rhyme! This is the Boston Globe Horn Book Award Winner for 2009.

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