Mary Poppins Opens the Door by Dr. P. L. Travers

*Mary Poppins* Is Back For Round 3!

From the moment Mary Poppins arrives at Number Seventeen Cherry-Tree Lane, everyday life at the Banks house is forever changed. This classic series tells the story of the world's most beloved nanny, who brings enchantment and excitement with her everywhere she goes. Featuring the charming original cover art by Mary Shepard, these new editions are sure to delight readers of all ages.

Mary Poppins reappears just in time! According to her tape measure, Jane and Michael have grown Worse and Worse since she went away. But the children won't have time to be naughty with all that Mary has planned for them. A visit to Mr. Twigley's music box-filled attic, an encounter with the Marble Boy, and a ride on Miss Calico's enchanted candy canes are all part of an average day out with everyone's favorite nanny.

My Personal Review:
The beloved nanny is back for the third time in MARY POPPINS OPENS THE DOOR. Getting shot out of the sky from a fire cracker, she returns to take the Banks children on more wonderful and magical adventures and to put Number 17 Cherry Tree Lane...right-side up.

One difference in this book is that the other people on Cherry Tree Lane, like Mrs. Lark and Admiral Boom among others, also get taken on the magical stuff that happens when Mary Poppins is around. This is either a good or bad thing depending on your point of view but I always liked the mystery of did these things really happen or was it just Jane and Michael's imagination?
Allowing others into these fantastic odysseys confirms that they really are happening.

But the stories are still enchanting and this time Mary Poppins takes the Banks children, some of the neighborhood and the reader to the bottom of the sea; soaring high in the park on balloons; and flying through the air on candy cane horses.

She also tells the children delightful stories and takes them to the Crack, which is the time between the first chime of the bell at New Years Eve and the last, where all the fairy tale characters come together in absolute harmony and fun. And the Banks children get to meet the marble boy a statue in the park that comes to life to play with them for a little while. That was a very touching story.

I love the Mary Poppins books and the wonderful illustrations by Mary Shepard (and Agnes Sims for this book). Be sure to read the previous two books: Mary Poppins and Mary Poppins Comes Back. Highly recommended! :-

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