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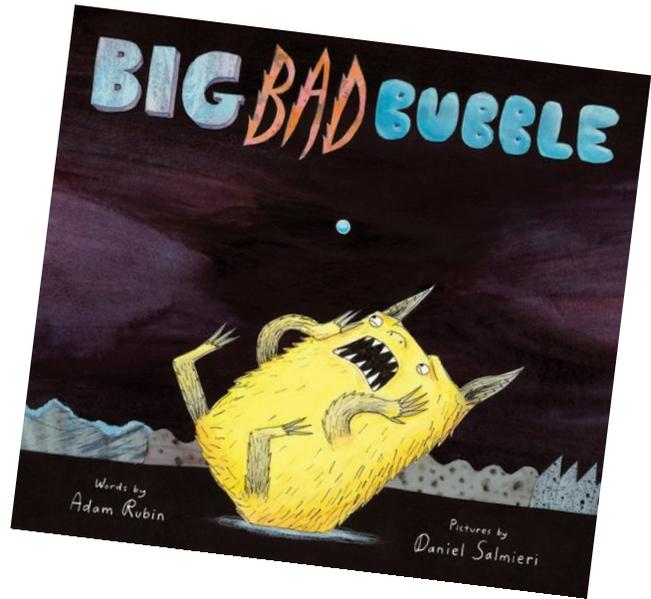
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Book Review

Title: Big Bad Bubble
Author: Adam Rubin
Illustrator: Daniel Salmieri
Reviewer: Aylea Stephens
Publisher: Clarion Books
Publication Year: 2014
ISBN: 9780544045491
Number of Pages: 40
Interest Level: Toddler, Preschool
Rating: Excellent



Review

When a bubble pops, it doesn't just disappear—it goes to torment the monsters in La La Land. Yerburt, Froofle, and Wumpus are terrified of bubbles, and Mogo is constantly warning his friends about the dangers that bubbles present. The monsters learn to use their unique abilities, their fangs, claws, and even their fingers, to get over their fear of the bubbles and live happily in La La Land. Well, until Mogo realizes that butterflies might be even worse than bubbles.

The idea of monsters being terrified of something as fun as a bubble is amusing and potentially inspiring for children who are afraid of many things. The book gives the reader the opportunity to help encourage the frightened monsters ("Tell Wumpus he can do it"). The illustrations are charming. The monsters and the other parts of the illustrations are against a dark background, but the monsters are charming instead of scary. Adults can talk with children about how scary things might not be that scary or about how it is important not to believe everything you hear. This is a silly and cute book that lovers of bubbles or monsters will likely enjoy.