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Bubbles is causing a stink. And the other frogs are not happy. They tell him to stop bubbling the water or he'll have to leave Frog Pond. But he can't help it. He's been bubbling since he was a little tadpole. Will Bubbles have to leave Frog Pond? Where will he go? And what happens when danger comes? Find out in this fun picture book about friendship and self-respect for preschoolers and all ages.

## **Bubbles: Big Stink in Frog Pond Details**

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## **Storywraps says**

Bubbles is a tiny frog and he is a little stinker....literally. How do you think he got that name? He is bubbled propelled. His problem is his bubbles emit an offensive odour that drives everyone underwater just to get away from them. Poor Bubbles.... he farts AND he smells!!!

His froggy friends suggest that if perhaps he changes his diet his gastro problems might be eliminated, so Bubbles gives that a go. Alas it is useless, he is doomed to stinketh forever he doth think.

His friends finally cannot stand the stench one more minute and they cast him out. He reluctantly goes and as he is swimming away he suddenly hears a commotion happening back in the pond. A group of nasty kids have landed on the bank and are trying madly to attack his froggy friends. Without a moment's hesitation Bubbles heads back and saves the day with his weapons of mass destruction.....his putrid toots.

Will his friends seeing Bubbles bravery and sense of loyalty to them overturn their decision of banishment and let him stay amongst them? Will they finally accept him for who he is....funky bubbles and all?

The book is entertaining and just plain fun. It will be a hit especially with boys who love to talk about body functions...especially ill-scented ones. The story inspires kids not to be afraid of being different and to be creative as they work through problems together.

The illustrations are whimsical and Bubbles is depicted as an adorable, loveable main character. A little red ladybug is tucked into the illustrations on every page so it is a fun game trying to spot her. The book is a great reminder that we are not all the same but we must come together and celebrate each other's differences.

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## **Michelle Stanley says**

Reviewed by Michelle Stanley for Readers' Favorite

Bubbles: Big Stink in Frog Pond is a children's story by Ben Woodard. Bubbles loves living in Frog Pond with his friends. His only problem is blowing bubbles in the water that smell so awful the other frogs do not want to be around him. Fonzo thinks Bubbles stinks while Shirley suggests eating different bugs, so the first week he eats flies...Bloop! Bubbles eats grasshoppers the second week...Bloop, Bloop! Ugh! The other frogs cannot stand the smell any longer and Groucho tells him to leave Frog Pond and take his bubbles with him. Bubbles is so sad, but when he hears a cry for help, he returns and sees boys catching his friends. He is so scared that out comes the biggest, smelliest bubble ever...BLOOP! It burns the boys' eyes and the stinky smell makes them flee. The grateful frogs thank Bubbles, but still dislike his bloop and tell him to leave; however, caring Shirley wants Bubbles to stay. What will Bubbles' decision be?

It is easy to imagine the responses of young children while reading Bubbles: Big Stink in Frog Pond. I love

Bubbles, despite his bloopers, and the other adorable characters too. Ben Woodard is imaginative and writes with a witty sense of humour. His theme is definitely original, giving good visuals of the Frog Pond activities with fantastic illustrations. Ben Woodard's story is short and amusing, but it is also a wonderful tale that teaches children how to deal with embarrassing situations like the bloopy one Bubbles has.

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## **Sheeran says**

### **Bubbles**

Bubbles teaches children about bullying and friendships making Bubbles the hero of the story. A must read for children of all ages.

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## **Bing says**

This is the perfect entertaining read for my boys, who are a bit obsessed with making fun out of any stinky stuff (which is honestly quite embarrassing for me to admit). My older son couldn't wait to share this book with his brother after reading it by himself. They were both amused by the funny sound and smell Bubbles makes in the pond. They cheered for Bubbles when he saved his friends with his unique "gift". They felt really happy for Bubbles that he was able to figure out a way out of the problem. The colorful and cute illustrations of the book bring to life all the different characters and add to the humor of the story.

My favorite part is the positive message it delivers about a blessing in disguise. I also appreciate how Bubbles really cares for his friends - by trying a change in diet, by agreeing to leave while pretending his feelings weren't hurt, by coming to his friends' rescue despite the danger, and by taking the trouble to avoid polluting the air around the pond. The story also encourages kids not to be afraid to be different, to make the best out of a bad situation, and to be a creative problem-solver.

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## **BC Dee says**

There are plenty of synopses of the book, so I'll move on to the review.

This is a good book for kids 3-4 and older. Toddlers haven't become self conscious enough to understand fart humor. But we know that fart humor can tickle the funnybone of kids aged four to sixty four, boys and girls alike. There are enough "bloopers" in this book to keep a kid laughing for a week.

The story is a page-turner. It's well crafted to keep the reader engaged and wanting to know what will happen next. Appropriate for the genre, it doesn't include sub-plots or subtlety. The illustrations are fun and colorful, and there is some fun typography play (bigger/smaller/angled...) that I think will engage early readers. And speaking of early readers, the vocabulary used is great for eight- or nine-year old readers. I think middle-grade (MG) kids would also love it because (a) they will be able to read it easily, and (b) it's a funny book that MG kids will want to take to school and share with their friends.

I would have given the book five stars, but I don't feel that the production is above average. That is, illustrations, type, and type placement look good, but not professional.

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### **M.M. Hudson says**

This was an interesting book from the get-go. As you might imagine, the little frog named Bubbles has a reputation and is appropriately named. In truth, that is about it. I found the book to be a bit incomplete for me.

I did not find the frogs to be so kind until he was needed and even then they shoved him out on to his own lily pad. What kind of friendship is that or acceptance of one's friend? It seems the message was lost. He did at least accept himself for who he was and did not seem to care what others thought. That is a saving grace for this book.

I was not overly fond of the illustrations either but they were not bad either. They were actually just simple and not overly colorful. After all, we are talking about frogs in a frog pond.

However, having said all of that, young kids will think this book is hilarious but only from the standpoint of the writing itself, not the story line. Every time the little frog "bubbles", he makes a sound in the book. I do not know a kid yet (or adults) that think that is not funny.

This book is targeted for 3-7 years of age. I am not sure the younger kids would like it but the 5-7 might. Honestly, if this maybe was a board book with the sounds the frogs made, it would be great...or even Bubble?

All in all, I am still giving it a 3 star review if for nothing else, just for it being about..."bubbles"!

Disclosure:I was given a copy of this book for my open and honest opinion. The views expressed here are 100% my own and may differ from yours. ~Naila Moon

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### **Lisa Foster says**

Review: (4/5 Stars) - This author takes a courageous concept to teach youngsters about bodily functions. I say this because as a nurse, it is hard to tell kids anything about their bodies and for any length of time. However, the author does it in a story and made it fun. What made him do it; who knows? We all have a little bit of craziness in us and his shows up in his writing and bless him as youngsters love it. I read this story to my grandchildren last week, ages 4 & 6. They LOVED the story and the 6 year old wanted to read it to her brother again by herself. It was just different. The 4 yr old just laughed and loved the art throughout the book. It helped having the pictures in it being a lot of cartoonish for kids and in this case, being green frogs as boys relate!! Of course I had to explain a few concepts afterwards but it didn't deter from them enjoying the story, I think it would have been a little easier if the ending showed he was actually by his friends because both kids asked where they were when the "plan" was to keep him there. Overall, a good story that plays well with children...

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## **Inderpreet Uppal says**

Bubbles is a cute story and a good story too. Small children will enjoy the 'stink' part of the story! My 6 year old enjoyed the part where Bubbles made all those stinky bubbles!! Yes, it is a funny and endearing story. This story is a short one, perfect for a bedtime read. It has a simple language and very pretty illustrations. The pictures are well drawn and give the feel of the story with the 'bloop', 'bloop' adding to the fun. The story has a very simple premise and helps children understand that there is some good in everything.

Sometimes the things we find bad or ugly help us in our time of trouble. The way Bubbles jumped in to help save his friends is an admirable quality, which we all should emulate.

Overall I found the story fun to read and share with my kid. A simple, good book with valuable lessons for the troublemakers too. Farts can be fun too! That's what my kid said!!

Read and enjoy!!

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## **Darlene Cruz says**

Thank you very much for the wonderful paperback book filled with colors to grab a child attention to the story as it is simply played out. I giggled and laughed because how Bubbles got his name and the stink he caused. You could say he was, no. . . is a gassy fellow. Trouble in the pond? That's an understatement! An adorable story that pulled you in with wonderful illustration. What excited my grandchildren to this book? The tale itself and the size of the illustrated frogs and insects and the pond. Simple and few words made the story a very easy read but got the message across, yep one word in particular, "Bloop." The part I found so cute when Shirley the frog suggested he should try eating different bugs. Quite funny I must say. Did it work? I heard giggles and "Eww!.." For myself I just laughed. Well you should read the story to find out. A great children book that will delight their imaginative mind. Thank you to the author for the wonderful book. Received a free digital download and free book in exchange for a review through Mother Daughter Book Reviews. Thank you, Darlene Cruz

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## **Michelle's Book says**

Wonderful read. I read it to my students at school and they loved it, so did I.

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## **Ian Wood says**

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Note that I don't really do stars. To me a book is either worth reading or it isn't. I can't rate it three-fifths worth reading! The only reason I've relented and started putting stars up there is to credit the good ones, which were being unfairly uncredited. So, all you'll ever see from me is a five-star or a one-star (since no stars isn't a rating, unfortunately).

Welcome to another edition of *Twice Toad Tales* illustrated by Fran Riddell. Bubbles is a euphemism for his real name: Dances with Farts. I've never really understood this passion for farting stories. It never entertained me as a kid, but that's all this story is about - a frog that farts. Seriously that's it? Yes, that's it. Our great English tradition with literature, spanning centuries, has been reduced to spawning frog farts. I can see how juveniles might find these stories amusing for a while, but this isn't a juvenile book (except in content!). It's actually a young children's book. Why would any parent want to read this to their kid? It really has no educational value.

The frog might be French, at least his legs might, but he's also a tad pole. He has a problem with wind. That's his superpower, just like Paul Reubens's character "The Spleen" in the movie *Mystery Men*, and no matter what diet he tries, he cannot escape the vapor. The other frogs naturally want to throw this master of miasma out rather than help him, which is a great lesson to teach young kids, isn't it? No, really. He's pretty much a pariah by the time some boys come frog catching. Only the stench of the tench (yeah, I know he's not a tench, but you try getting a frog-related word to rhyme with stench!) can save them, and so magically, he's a persona grata again.

Really? I can't recommend this.

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### **Tiffany says**

This is an adorable picture book about a frog with a not-so-adorable problem. He can't stop making bubbles in the pond (if you catch my drift). His friends are fed up with the situation and tell Bubbles he's got to go. But then something happens in Frog Pond that changes how all the frogs feel about Bubbles.

This light-hearted story has a message built into it about the importance of friendship. The vibrant pictures bring you right up close into Bubbles' and his friends' little world of Frog Pond. The carefully worded text moves the story along at a fast enough pace to keep the attention of young children. On top of all of this book's other endearing qualities is the fact that my three-year-old giggles almost continuously whenever we read this story. That makes *Bubbles: Big Stink in Frog Pond* a winner in our house.

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### **Nada Sobhi says**

Note: I received a free copy of *Bubbles: Big Stink in Frog Pond* in exchange for an honest review and as part of a Book Review Blitz with Mother and Daughter Book Reviews.

*Bubbles: Big Stink in Frog Pond* by Ben Woodward and illustrated by Fran Riddell is lovey children's story about differences, preferences and most importantly friendship and acceptance. Bubbles is a frog who has a bubbling – farting – problem and is making the frog pond stink. His friends tell

him to leave. After trying to change his diet, Bubbles can't stop and ends up leaving Frog Pond.

But the frogs are attacked by human children and it is Bubbles' job to save the day with his 'bubbling'.

The story is funny and though the frogs are sometimes drawn a bit creepy, some other pictures are really funny.

Despite his problem, Bubbles goes to save his friends, who in turn debate whether he should stay or leave again afterwards.

I really enjoyed the story and I like how the author allowed both Bubbles and the other frogs – characters – develop.

This book is recommended to children and parents encouraging their kids to read as it deals with friendship and accepting others despite their differences.

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### **Janelle says**

This is a hilarious picture book, for those with a taste for potty humour anyhow. I had high hopes for it when I found it on Kindle and couldn't help telling my family about my new book with a stinky frog called Bubbles. I'm so glad it didn't disappoint. The illustrations are very simple, yet expressive and rather cute. And the story line was a lot of fun and neatly resolved. Sober readers with an aversion to potty humour probably won't enjoy this; but if you're like me and never grew up, you'll love reading it and sharing it with your kids.

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### **Cathy Sneed-Allen says**

#### **Bubbles was cute**

We have my grandson and I decided that bubbles was a really cute book because it taught people but even when somebody has a difference it can still be used for good and that sometimes people just need to look past differences .

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