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William is getting ready for his bath when the faucet breaks, sending him and his tub surfing through the building! On his wet ride, he collects a strange fleet in his wake -- from Uncle Nash, who sits in the trash, to Little Dottie, who sails the potty. Who will William carry off next? Bath-lovers and bath-haters alike will want to know!"Full of amusing detail that will keep young readers coming back again and again." -- *School Library Journal*

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Mara Loventhal says

Title : No More Water In The Tub

Author: Tedd Arnold

Illustrator: Mark Buehner

Genre: Repetitive Book, Predictable

Theme(s): Family, Creation, Exploring

Opening line/sentence: In a bathroom near the top floor of a tall apartment building William was ready for his bath.

Brief Book Summary: The main character William is getting ready for his bath when he accidentally fills up the water too high. Throughout the story he travels on a boat from floor to floor from all the water that overflowed from the bathtub. By the end of the story the water from the bathtub helped with a fire in the building. Essentially he goes on an adventure through the apartment building.

Professional Recommendation/Review #1:

Publishers Weekly (September 4, 1995)

Arnold follows *No Jumping on the Bed!* with another open-ended, goofy tale of unforeseen consequences featuring brothers Walter and William. As Walter helps William fill the bathtub, their mother cautions, "Leave the faucet on another minute, then no more water in the tub!" Walter cranks the handle too quickly and too far, breaking it, and soon there is water, water everywhere. The current sweeps the claw-footed tub out the door of the boys' apartment and down the stairs, into one apartment after another. As the flood rages, William sits comfortably in his ceramic canoe, while the startled neighbors cling to a variety of makeshift flotation devices: "Out went Mabel on the table.... Uncle Nash sat in the trash... Little Dottie sailed the potty." A cumulative roster of these rafts plays up the fun. Arnold uses colored pencil and watercolors to render every blue splash and shadowy hallway in smooth detail. Each object-bathroom fixture, floating toy or piece of furniture-is a masterpiece of shading and shape. The only problem here is that the adults' faces are more expressive and effectively drawn than the children's. Even so, the illustrations alone could explain to beginning readers the story of this wild water ride. Ages 4-8.

Professional Recommendation/Review #2:

School Library Journal Review (Anne Connor, 2010)

PreS-Gr 1 'Fans of *No Jumping on the Bed!* (Dial, 1987) will relish this similar cumulative adventure that demands to be read aloud. At bath time, William's older brother Walter (a reformed bed-jumper) is supposed to turn off the tap before the tub gets too full. The story that follows is his tale of what would happen if... The tub overflows, and William, with his bathtub, goes rushing out the door on a flood of water. Past his parents, down the stairs, picking up neighbors in his wake: "Out went Mabel on the table. Sue and Vern clung to a fern. Uncle Nash sat in the trash. Patty Fuzzle steered her puzzle. Little Dottie sailed the potty." After the flood puts out a fire and the group lands in the street, William is dubbed a hero...and Walter's story is over. But, engrossed in the tale, Walter forgets the water, the tub overflows, and out goes William.... Arnold's soft pencil and watercolor illustrations are full of amusing details that will keep young readers coming back again and again. His stylized, cartoon-like figures look appropriately stunned by the unfolding events. This should be a popular choice for story hour.'

Response to Two Professional Reviews: Both of these reviews both gave a review that essentially described a summary of the story. Yes, I believe they both give a great review by saying how fun and entertaining the book is but I do feel as though they were more of a summary. I especially like the words that the second reviewer used. It made the review entreaty and enjoyable, giving the book a more positive light.

Evaluation of Literary Elements: I believe this book has great illustrations that are pleasing to the eye as well as unique and distinct. Each page offers something totally new yet similar as each page follows the story but

the cartoon type characters and the overflowing bath tub change from page to page. Children will most definitely be entertained by the silly story plot and the adventure that William takes on, making each child feel a sense of adventure.

Consideration of Instructional Application: I would defiantly use this book in my future classroom for I believe it is a funny yet interesting story that fits the age group of elementary school children perfectly.

While reading this book I would physically bring in a toy bathtub and fill it up with water where it overflows. This will allow the children to really get a sense of what happens to William in the book when his bath explodes. Each child will have a chance to fill up the bath to where it overflows and see how difficult it was for William to take the adventure he went on while his bath was overflowing.

Shelley says

This is a story about a boy who doesn't turn the water off in the tub and so he goes on an adventure in the tub. It is all about where he floats and who he picks up along the way. At the end of the book you find out that he has imagined the whole thing, his bath tub is still in his bathroom and the water was turned of. This is a good book for sequencing and also pretending.

Danette says

3/13/17 Read with Naomi & Julia.

Megan says

a favorite of my 6 year old

N says

Super cute. Nice rhyme that is not overpowering. Fanciful ideas and a great sibling dynamic.

The Brothers says

It's William's turn for a bath and his mother instructs his brother, Walter, to turn off the water in one minute. William doesn't like this because he wants the water deeper than that. Walter tries to accommodate both mother and brother, but the spigot breaks and water flows everywhere. William gets a fantastic ride down his apartment building sweeping along a lot of neighbors in the flood.

Great illustrations.

Rachel says

Funny story.

Lindsay says

3.5

Shayla says

This book is about a boy who is helping his brother take a bath and he tells him a story. This story leads the bathtub to over fill and then the water goes throughout the whole apartment building, the wave picking up people as it sweeps over them.

I like this book because it shows how creative an older brother can be. It also shows that when something bad happens, something good can come from it like extinguishing a fire. The artwork was almost a mix of realistic and cartoonish, and it was very cute! There was a lot of details included in each picture.

I would read this book to my children so they could see the creativeness of it. They would be able to see and appreciate the artwork as well.

Samantha Hanhart says

I enjoyed the illustrations as they followed along with the print. There was a rhyming scheme as William collected more and more people in his journey down the building. This could be helpful in getting the child involved with the book. It could also be used to persuade a child to take a bath who may not want to, just as Walter used a story to distract William from the water being turned off.

Margaret says

Fun, chaotic, silly and more! I'd read this to a group. Younger kids will be good with the rhymes and silliness, and with older kids I think I'd talk about how this is "fantasy" or fiction--it couldn't really happen, but it's fun to think about, and that's how writers come up with ideas. Maybe the author was sitting in his tub and thought "what if...?" Lots of visuals to look at and have kids notice details. And yes, I looked for Dotty on the potty.

Kary says

Lots of fun!

Alex says

Tedd Arnold presents a funny result to what occurs if the bathtub is left running. Water spills over and, soon, everyone is traveling down the apartment building in a waterfall. The illustrations of this book are fun and creative. The use of rhyme gives rhythm to the story. I really thought the story was funny, but it was rather long. I definitely would still read this again in my class, though, and maybe see how the class would illustrate certain events.

Aleece says

[it was so unbelievable until the end when you find out that it is just a story that the brother is te

Jackie says

Leaving the water on too long in the tub can be a dangerous thing! *No More Water in the Tub* is a silly story about what happens when you do just that. Walter and William collect all their neighbors on the way out as the water rushes by...but, in the end they are heroes.

Used for "Got Milk?, Got Water?, Got Juice?" Storytime-April, 2010.
