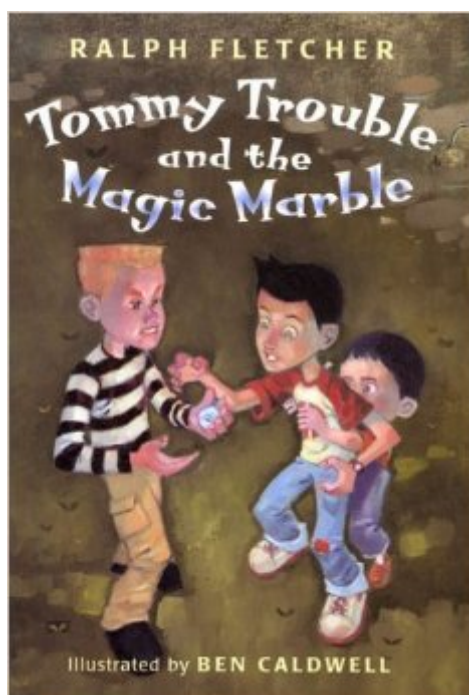


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# Tommy Trouble And The Magic Marble



## Synopsis

In the living room Tommy sat on the time-out rug. Mom made him sit there whenever he got into trouble. And it was all his pesky younger brother Bradley's fault. When big, tough Spencer offered to sell Tommy an unusual playing marble for ten dollars, Tommy recruited Bradley to help him pick Mom's prize-winning roses. For that Tommy ended up on the time-out rug. Bradley was nothing but trouble. And always at his side! Tommy was so furious he started throwing rocks at a beehive. But it was Bradley who was stung by the angry bees and had to be rushed to the hospital. Tommy sat himself down on the time-out rug and thought. Maybe owning the magic marble wasn't as important as having a little brother who thinks you're someone special .... Ralph Fletcher has created an entertaining, fun-filled story that is sure to appeal to children who have graduated from beginning readers. Be it an older sibling, a younger one, or an only child, readers will be taken with this book's well-defined characters, crisp dialogue and fast-moving plot. Ben Caldwell's humorous illustrations add even more to the fun.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

Tommy and his little brother want to buy a big special marble from a tough kid down the street. But first, they need to find out how to get the money - without trying to sell mom's prize roses! His brother and he find a snake and try to make a trade with that. Several episodes fill the hunt to get

such an exciting marble. Each episode is its own chapter and seems to end with Tommy getting into trouble. A nice introduction to chapter books, because the chapters are kept short. Furthermore, kids can relate to Tommy's adventures because the logic he uses is common for 9 year olds. This book is a slight departure from Fletcher's usual intermediate novels but is none the less enjoyable. Why 4 stars?: I liked this book from a teacher's standpoint because of its value as an introductory chapter book and realistic characters (something found in all of Fletcher's books), however, I didn't find the story to be very interesting. This could keep kids from continuing in it and getting a negative feeling about chapter books. Still, most children will still enjoy it and so it does belong in a classroom. It is already in mine.

This was purchased as a gift for our grand nephew who lives overseas. It is perfect... a nicely kept used book that was very reasonably priced and especially fun for him! His grandparents had suggested it for him.

This is an enjoyable easy chapter book, ideal for a second grader. The AR level is 2.6. Students with a younger sibling will particularly relate to the situations with Tommy and his younger brother Bradley.

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