

**Film Title and Release Date:** *The Boy in the Bubble* (2011)

**Length of Film in Minutes:** 8 minutes

**Genre:** Animation/Film/Fiction

**Reviewer Name and Grade:** Ashley L., 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Date Reviewed:** March 3, 2022

This is a short, fiction animation/film about a boo (“monster”) named Rupert. Rupert is a 10-year-old boy who hopelessly falls in love with a girl in his class for the very first time. Their relationship sails smoothly at first but all goes terribly wrong when he finds out that his “girlfriend” fell for the “bad-boy”; soon after she breaks up with him. Heartbroken, he wishes for himself to never fall in love again. After, he goes home and begins to read a book about magic and potions. He then invokes a spell to shield him from any additional heartbreak ever again. A bubble forms around him and disaster strikes. The kids in his class make fun of him and he becomes an outcast. As a loner, he walks alone in the park, and in the corner of his eyes, he sees a beautiful, fair-skinned girl, (who looks like snow-white) who is reading a book he too reads. Their eyes meet and the bubble suddenly breaks and they “fall” in love. The setting is in Ireland in a place with “boos” and monsters. The main character is Rupert and the film is narrated as a poem or with rhymes.

*How did you find the film on Kanopy (by title search, subject search, casual browsing, etc.)?*

I found the film by casually browsing.

*Did the plot (for fictional movie) or presentation of information (for documentary) keep you interested?*

The plot was weirdly intriguing and also very “cringe”.

*Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right? What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?*

The pace of the film was just right and is perfect for Halloween. This film is appropriate for students from Grade 2 and up.

*2 stars: I did not like this film but somebody else might.*

When I first saw the title, I thought it was actually going to be about the boy in a bubble, David Vetter, but I was soon let down with this film. This film is perfect for younger kids on Halloween but, for older kids, I highly do not recommend this. The plot was intriguing to the point it was cringy and the characters are just a let-down.