

Notebook Entry #1: Finding Story Elements in the Blurb

Blurb (from the Little, Brown and Company paperback edition of *Maniac Magee* published in 1999):

Jeffrey Lionel “Maniac” Magee might have lived a normal life if a trolley accident hadn’t made him an orphan. After living with his unhappy and uptight aunt and uncle for eight years, he decides to run—and not just run away, but run. And this is where the myth of Maniac Magee begins, as he changes the lives of a racially divided small town with his amazing and legendary feats.

Characters:

Setting (place & time):

Problem:

Prediction: