Don't Stop Now!

by Philip Prowse

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Philip Prowse was born in Cornwall in 1947. He studied English literature at Cambridge University until 1968. Then he worked for the British Council and introduced* foreign people to Great Britain's culture as well as language. Of course, Prowse took on other teaching jobs, too. In 1993 he finally decided to become a freelance** writer. One of his books is called Don't Stop Now and was published by the Cambridge University Press in 2005.

* to introduce sth. to sb. - jem. etw. näher bringen     **freelance - freiberuflich

Content:
At the book’s outset, a brick* with a message tied around it is thrown through the window of Paolo’s web café. Kate, Paolo’s daughter, and her friend Matt are in the café when it happens. The message says “Don’t stop now!” in Maltese. Paolo is involved in credit-card deception** along with the two criminals Victor and Antonio. This message should remind Paolo of the duty he owes*** them. However, the criminals are in doubt whether this act of vandalism has been intimidating enough. So they kidnap Paolo’s daughter Kate to ensure his cooperation. Matt, who has always had a crush on**** Kate, decides to take matters into his own hands. Is Kate hurt? Will Matt call the police? Or will he be able to save her on his own and, by doing so, win her heart? Have I raised your interest? Then go and read the story!

*brick - Ziegel  **credit-card deception - Kreditkartenbetrügerei  ***to owe sth. - jem. etw. schulden  ****to have a crush on sb. - in jem. verknallt sein

Recommendation:

Don’t Stop Now is quite easy to understand, because of the simple vocabulary and sentence structure used here. Moreover, the understanding of the text is enhanced* by well-drawn pictures. That’s why even students in lower grades (--> 6,7) can enjoy reading this story. Philip Prowse really knows how to write a book that promotes learning and is suspenseful** at the same time.

*to enhance - fördern  **suspenseful - spannend