



Gabe's Nantucket Adventure:
**Daffodils, Dogs,
and Cars**



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A drive to Hyannis, MA on a sunny spring day was planned for Gabe. He was looking forward to a ride on the Cape Cod Central Railroad, his second trip as Gabe was only four. But mommy hadn't called ahead and as a result she had no idea that the train depot would be closed for the season. The opening day was in two weeks.

Quick on her feet, she spotted a sign for the "Steamboat Authority" and then she came up with plan "B". Mom decided they might as well take a ferry to Nantucket.

What a great last-minute idea that turned out to be, because it was the 35th Annual Daffodil Day Celebration and they would be just in time for the doggy parade, antique car show, and the flower competition at the old schoolhouse.

Gabe and his Mom met townies who told them where to have ice cream, "...the Nantucket Pharmacy, of course, with its old-fashioned soda fountain." Others guided them to the old schoolhouse to see the flower show hosted by the Massachusetts Audubon. They saw all the varieties of daffodils and they would vote for best flower. By the day's end, the two were so exhausted that they made the ride back home to Cambridge on pure adrenalin from all the fun they had experienced.

About the Author

This is the third book in the series *The Adventures of Gabe* written by **Rochelle O’Neal Thorpe**. These stories are based on experiences she has had raising her youngest son, Gabriel, who is the youngest of three, and the only child with her late husband, Richard F. Thorpe. Rochelle and Richard met in 1979 while undergrads at the University of Massachusetts, where she majored in Business Administration at the Isenberg School of Management, and minored in Chinese Language and Literature.

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Al’s humorous illustrations have been used in advertising campaigns, children's books and greeting cards. His work has also included advertising for a children's art center, a private school, a foster care and adoption home, and a special needs facility. Helping children enjoy, learn and understand their experiences is an important part of his work. He brings his broad experience and supportive approach to every project.

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