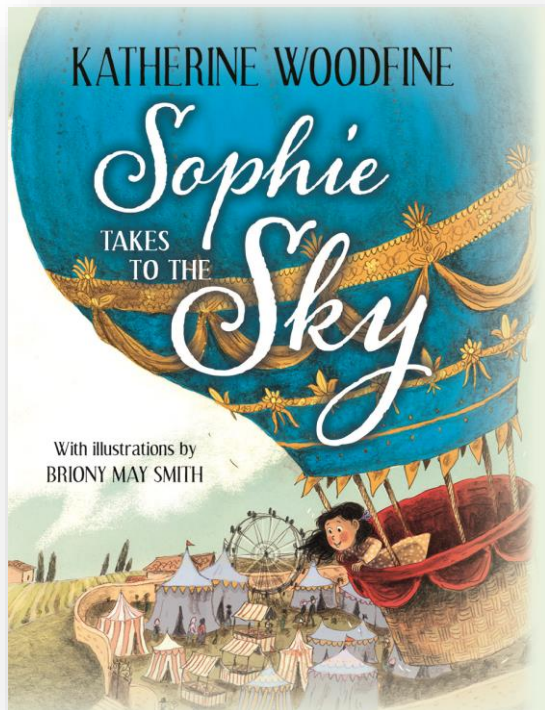


SOPHIE TAKES TO THE SKY

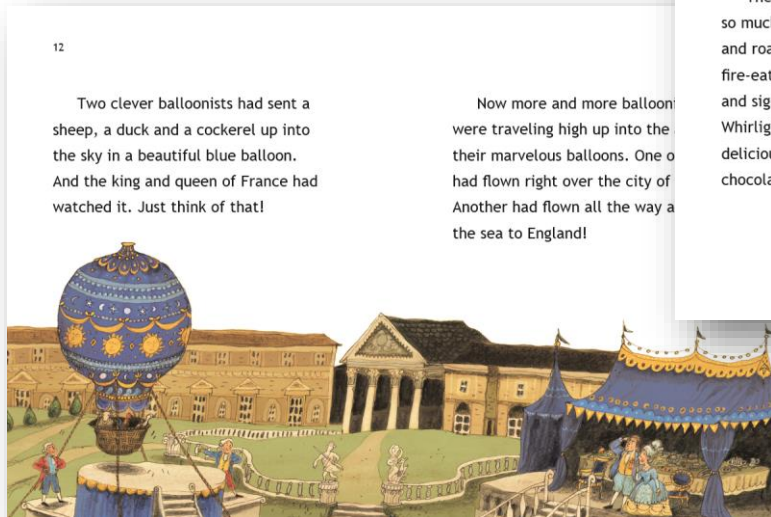
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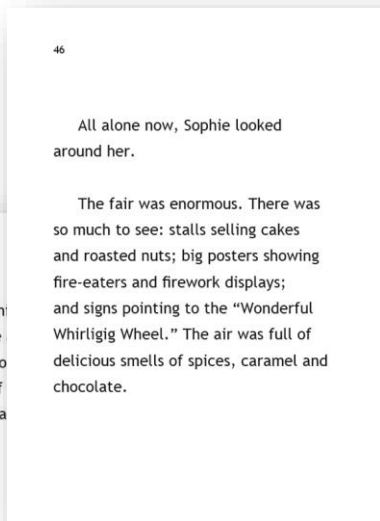
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Two clever balloonists had sent a sheep, a duck and a cockerel up into the sky in a beautiful blue balloon. And the king and queen of France had watched it. Just think of that!

Now more and more balloons were traveling high up into the sky. One had flown right over the city of Paris. Another had flown all the way across the sea to England!



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All alone now, Sophie looked around her.

The fair was enormous. There was so much to see: stalls selling cakes and roasted nuts; big posters showing fire-eaters and firework displays; and signs pointing to the "Wonderful Whirligig Wheel." The air was full of delicious smells of spices, caramel and chocolate.

