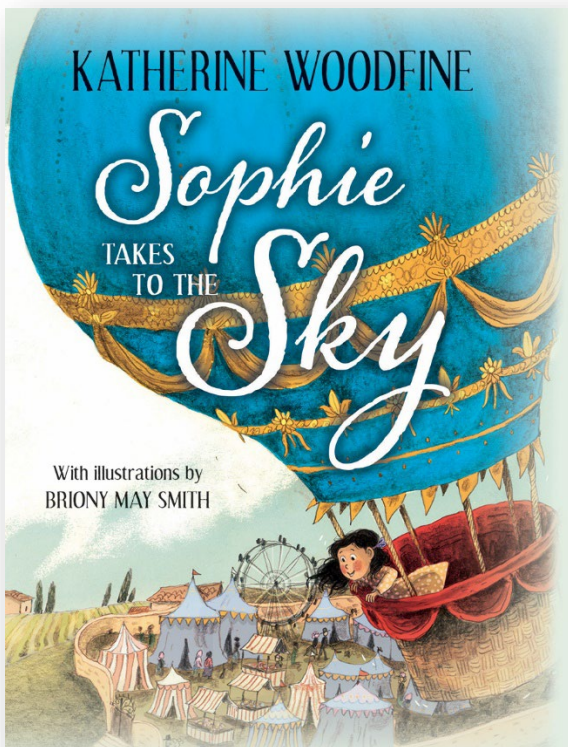


SOPHIE TAKES TO THE SKY

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Sophie longs to watch a hot-air balloon sail across the blue sky. If she could just be brave enough to face her fears, who knows where her journey might take her ...

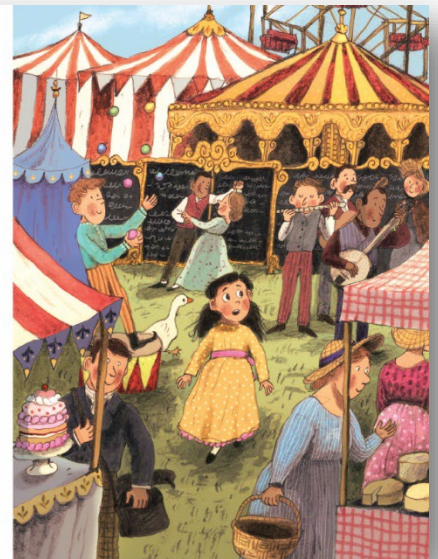


- Sophie Blanchard, the world's first female hot-air balloonist.
- Overcoming anxiety; following dreams.
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All alone now, Sophie looked around her.

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.



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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 people were traveling high in their marvelous balloons. Another had flown right over the sea to England!

