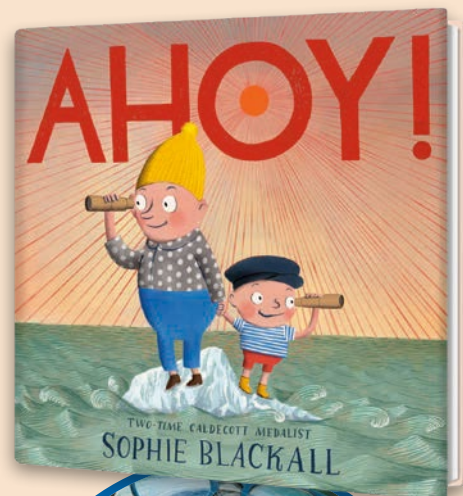




## About the Book

Join a child captain and parent first mate as they embark on a wild high seas adventure... all without leaving the living room! This imaginative romp of a picture book is filled with glorious illustrations from a beloved Caldecott Medalist and *New York Times* bestselling creator.



## About the Author

Sophie Blackall is the award-winning illustrator of over 50 books for children, including *Finding Winnie* and *Hello, Lighthouse*, which both received the Caldecott Medal. Her recent picture book, *Farmhouse*, was an instant *New York Times* bestseller, received six starred reviews and was also a *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book. Sophie's many other honors include a BCCB Blue Ribbon, an Ezra Jack Keats New Illustrator Award, and a Society of Illustrators Founders Award. She lives in Brooklyn, NY.



## Before Reading Predictions

In *Ahoy!* a parent and child set off on an imaginary nautical adventure. Before you start the story, show readers the cover image and case covering. Ask them to use their imagination to predict what will happen once the parent and child set sail.

## Imaginary Play

*Ahoy!* celebrates the joys of playing make-believe. Pretend play is not only fun but the process of pretending helps build skills in many essential developmental areas. Set up a play area in your school or library with everyday items such as empty boxes, blocks, pillows, blankets, and other objects. After reading *Ahoy!* encourage readers to set off on their own adventure using these objects and their imagination!

# Illustrating Your Imagination

Once readers have returned from their imaginative journey, ask them to illustrate a scene from their adventures using provided crayons, markers, or colored pencils.