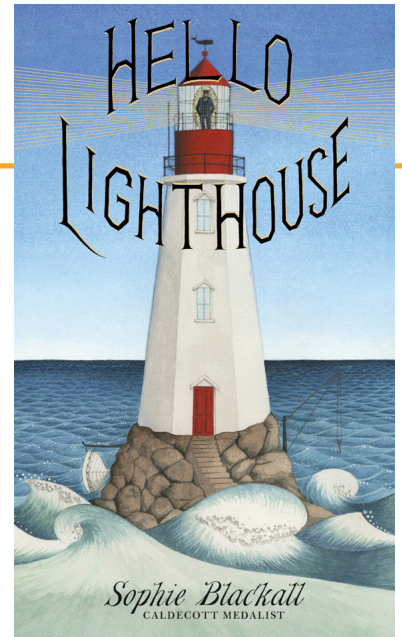


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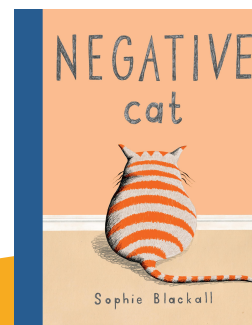
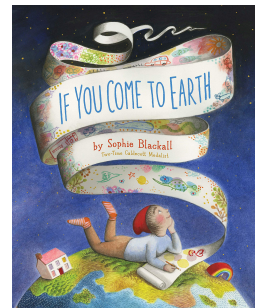
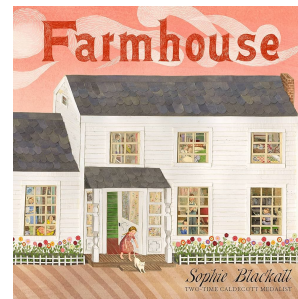
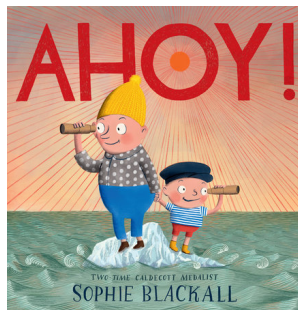
Activities, tools & resources for learning with this book!

## Meet the author and illustrator

**Sophie Blackall** learned to draw with sticks on the beach and loved the A.A. Milne stories of Winnie-the-Pooh. The original tale of Pooh and his friends was the first book she bought with her own money. Sophie feels all this inspiration led to her winning the Caldecott Medal in 2016 for her illustrations in "Finding Winnie," written by Lindsay Mattick. She has illustrated over 50 books for children. *Hello Lighthouse*, won the 2018 Caldecott Medal and is a charming look at a lighthouse keeper's life and family. When not traveling the world, Sophie makes her home in Brooklyn, New York, a city that she just couldn't resist, and can be visited at [www.sophieblackall.com](http://www.sophieblackall.com).



## Some other books from Sophie:



and so  
much more...

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## LET'S BEGIN! BEFORE READING THE BOOK

Use the Visual Thinking Strategy (VTS) questions below to orient readers, and to help guide a group discussion. Begin by taking a quiet moment to look closely at the book jacket, allowing time for observation and contemplation of the images.

- What is going on in this picture?
- What do you see that makes you say that? (provide evidence)
- What more can we find?

Watch this [VIDEO](#) for a quick VTS demo

### HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please contact Alison Johnson at  
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[ajohnson@islandreadersandwriters.org](mailto:ajohnson@islandreadersandwriters.org).

## LET'S TALK!

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Take a few minutes to look at the ocean images in "Hello Lighthouse." Discuss with a classmate how Sophie uses shapes, lines and colors to evoke different feelings in each image. What feelings or thoughts come to your mind when you view them? Using colored pencils or paint create your own ocean scene.

Imagine you were to travel to a lighthouse. How might you travel there and how would you be transported to the lighthouse itself?

Research lighthouses around the world. What is the weirdest lighthouse you can find? What makes it weird? Write a short poem that describes it.

How would you communicate without phones, computers or electronic devices? Research other communication methods or design your own, then send messages to a classmate.

Why was it important to keep the light burning. What might happen if it went out?

WATCH the Coast Guard keep the Cape Elizabeth lighthouse shining bright.

What is the Fresnel lens?

What lens is used today in your local lighthouse?

Which is the brightest lighthouse in the world?

## STANDARDS Covered throughout this Explore More Book Guide:

*SL.1. Prepare for and participate in conversations across a range of topics, types, and forums, building on others' ideas and expressing their own.*

*SL.2. Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric.*

*SL.3 Present information and supporting evidence appropriate to task, purpose, and audience so listeners can follow the line of reasoning and incorporate multimedia when appropriate.*

*R.4. Read various texts closely to determine what each text explicitly says and to make logical inferences; cite specific textual evidence to support conclusions drawn from the texts.*

*R.5 Provide an accurate summary of various texts; determine the central idea(s) or theme(s) and analyze its development throughout each text.*

*R.6. Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.*

*R.8 Analyze the structure of various texts, including how the features and components relate to each other and the whole.*

*R.9. Assess how perspective or purpose shapes the content and style of various texts.*

*History*

## LET'S CREATE (AND DO)! Book-Inspired Art

- ✚ Look up and learn some sea shanties. Can you find any that are connected to Downeast Maine? (Music/Art)
- ✚ Find a partner and keeping in line with the illustrator's circular theme, use a tube as a telescope to focus in on one area in the room. Use your best descriptive words while your partner draws what you see within this circle. (Art/LA)
- ✚ Find a blueprint of a lighthouse you like. Use blue paper and white crayon to draw and design each floor as you think it might work best. (Art/Science/Math)
- ✚ Use the "Maine Lighthouses Illustrated Map and Guide" to consider the different styles; color, shape, size, outbuildings. Design your dream lighthouse and paint a picture. (Art/Science)
- ✚ What skills or temperament did it take to be a lighthouse keeper? If you were interviewing someone to fill the role, what types of questions would be important to ask? Make a list and interview a friend. (ELA)
- ✚ Artists and historians through time have created renditions of Alexandria as they imagine it. How do you envision it might have looked? Draw, paint or use mixed media to create your own rendition. (Art)

## One of the 7 Wonders of the Ancient World

What criteria must be met to be a wonder of the ancient world?

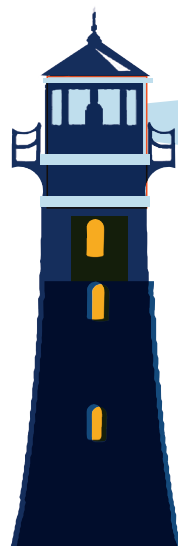
What criteria does a lighthouse in Downeast Maine need to meet?

How many years did the Pharos of Alexandria stand?

How many years has the lighthouse in your town stood?

How did they build something to last that long?

What facts can you find about your local lighthouse?



**From Ancient World  
to Eastern Maine**

**Read this poem**  
**I'd Like to Be A Lighthouse by**  
**Rachel Lyman Field**

**If you were a lighthouse what might  
you see? Write your own short  
poem.**

I'd like to be a lighthouse  
All scrubbed and painted white.  
I'd like to be a lighthouse  
And stay awake all night  
To keep my eye on everything  
That sails my patch of sea;  
I'd like to be a lighthouse  
With the ships all watching me.



## **Architecture: Design, Form, and Function**

How have lighthouses evolved through time?

Why did height matter?

Why are lighthouses painted differently?

Do these designs represent something?

Check out [The Extreme Architecture of Lighthouses](#)

### **LET'S DIVE DEEPER!** Explore More


When was the first practical compass made?

Research the lengths lighthouse keepers have gone to in order to keep the light burning.

Visit your local historical society and inquire about local shipwreck history.

Check out this harrowing tale of a Maine shipwreck.

What impact has the invention of GPS had on lighthouses?



**GPS-** Global Positioning System, a satellite-based navigation system used to determine precise locations on Earth



## LET'S READ MORE! Text to Text Connections

