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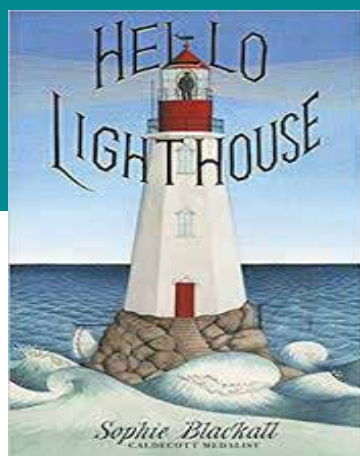
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Book Review

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Preschool, Primary

The lighthouse is situated on a lonely rock island with a lighthouse keeper. A ship arrives with supplies and the lighthouse keeper's wife. They share the circular rooms of the tower and tend the lighthouse together. When the keeper is sick his wife tends to him and to the light. When a shipwreck happens, they rescue and care for the ship's crew. When she becomes pregnant, they welcome a little girl to the island. Eventually the lighthouse is automated and they move to a cottage on the shore.

The pictures and text guide us through the challenging life of a lighthouse keeper and his wife in the early 1900s. We see a slice of the rooms in the lighthouse, experience the harsh environment, and ponder what it would have been like to be ill or have a baby alone with no help. The story creates an appreciation for the courage of the people who made the safety of others their life mission, especially in the detailed prospectus in the back. This is an outstanding story with beautiful illustrations that will appeal to young and older readers alike.

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48

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