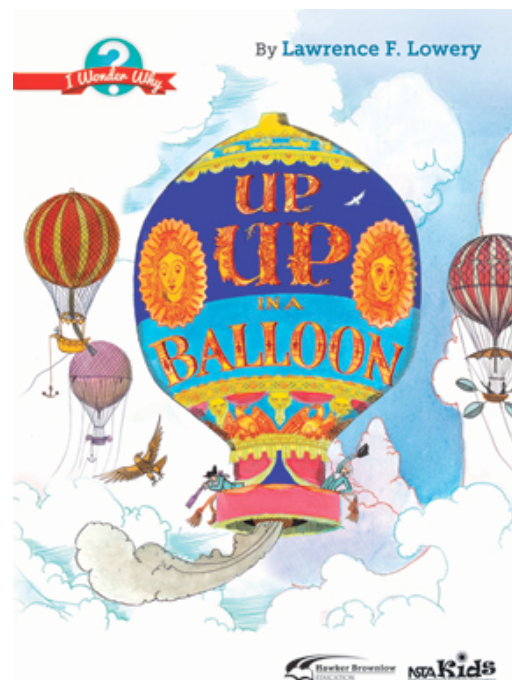


# Up, Up in a Balloon: I Wonder Why

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## Summary

Young scientists will get both inspiration and giggles from this humorous but true tale of early experiments with flying.

The book tells how the first successful venture into human flight came about because of two French brothers, several paper bags, heated air, leaky cloth, hydrogen gas, frightened farmers, a duck, a rooster, a sheep and a brave friend of the French king.

In addition to introducing scientific processes and principles of flight, *Up, Up in a Balloon* may prompt budding inventors to try, try again – just as the Montgolfier brothers did when they launched the first hot air balloons more than 200 years ago.

*Up, Up in a Balloon* is part of the *I Wonder Why* book series, written to ignite the curiosity of children in years F–6 while encouraging them to become avid readers. These books explore the marvels of geology, land forms, weather, environments and other phenomena related to science and nature.

Included in each volume is a Parent/Teacher Handbook with coordinating activities. The *I Wonder Why* series is written by award-winning science educators.

## Other Resources

- *The Tree by Diane's House: I Wonder Why* (NST9013)
- *Looking for Animals: I Wonder Why* (NST8993)
- *Dark as a Shadow: I Wonder Why* (NST9136)
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