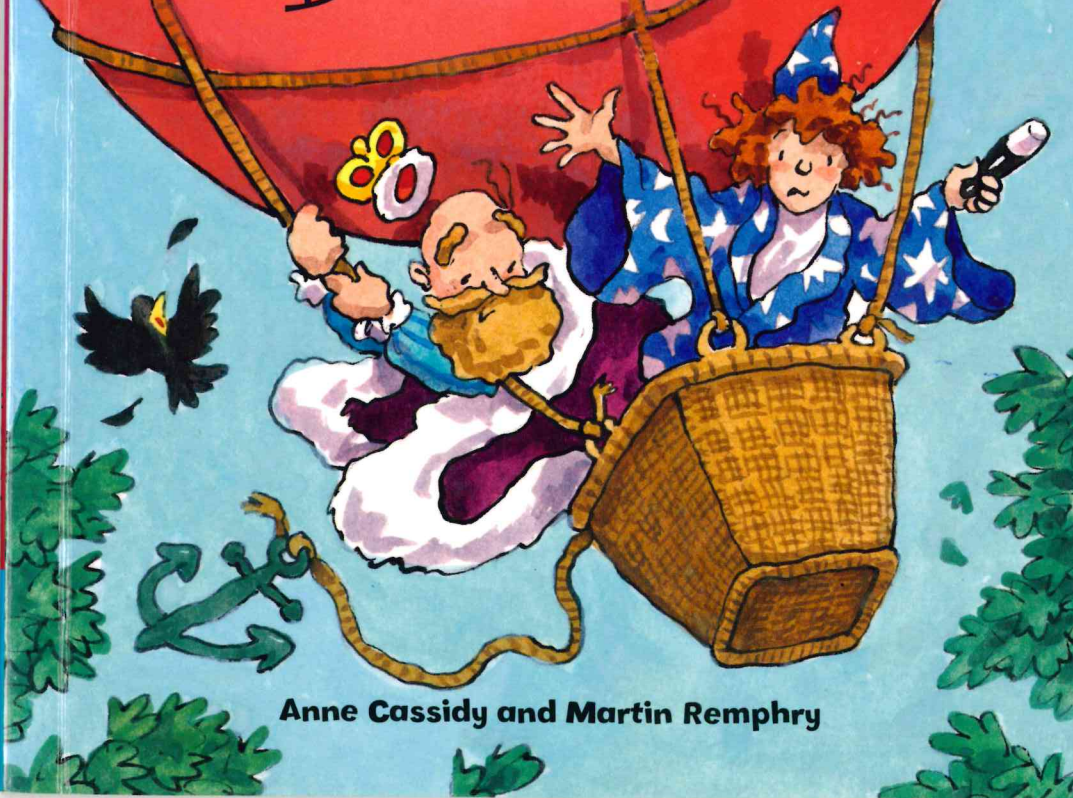




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Wizard Wizzle wanted a magic carpet more than anything.



He cast a magic spell.

The carpet flew up into the air. His sister Wanda was amazed!



Wizzle tried to grab the carpet but it zoomed off.



“Oh dear!” he said.

The king came running over.



“Look!” he shouted. “The queen  
has given me a birthday present.  
It’s a hot air balloon!”



The king, the queen and all the lords and ladies watched as the balloon landed on the ground.





“Wow!” said Wizzle, “I would love to have a go in that!”

“Come for a ride with me, Wizard Wizzle!” the king said.



“It could be dangerous!” said Wanda. “Do be careful!”



“Well, a balloon won’t zoom off without me like that magic carpet!” said Wizzle.

The balloon rose up into the sky.



It soared higher and higher.



“This is so much fun!” laughed Wizzle. “Wanda looks really tiny!”

But the king was turning a funny colour. His face was green.



“It’s too high!” he shouted, “I feel sick. I want to get out.”



Wizzle looked in his book for a spell.

Wizzle took some magic owl feathers and a dragon's claw out of his pocket.



He put them into his hat, waved his wand and shouted some magic words.



“Izzle, Wizzle, Woo! Take us down to the ground!”

There was a sparkle, a fizz and  
puff of smoke.



The balloon began to turn... and twist... and spin. Wizzle felt dizzy.



“Stop! Rescue me!” the king shouted. The balloon was going much too fast.

Suddenly it stopped. The balloon was stuck in the branches of a tree!



“Oooh,” gasped the queen and the lords and ladies.



But Wanda had an idea.



She began to climb up a nearby tree.



“You are a hopeless wizard!” the king cried. “Over the side you go!”

“Help!” cried Wizzle. Then he saw Wanda. She was holding a bow and arrow.



Wizzle knew what she was planning.



“Let me try one last spell,” he said to the king.

Wizzle waved his wand. "Take us  
down to earth!" he shouted.



Just at that moment Wanda shot  
an arrow. It hit the balloon and hot  
air began to escape.



The balloon floated gently down  
to earth.



The king was delighted. So was  
the queen!



“Maybe you’re not such a bad  
wizard after all,” he said, smiling  
at Wizzle.

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**Anne Cassidy** has written lots of books for children. Many of them are about talking animals who get into trouble. She has two dogs, Charlie and Dave, but, sadly, neither of them talk to her! This time she wanted to write about a funny wizard who gets his spells mixed up.

**Martin Remphry** grew up on the tiny Channel Island of Sark. He has always loved drawing, especially spooky things such as witches and wizards, so it was a dream come true for him to illustrate Wizzle. He loves the funny ingredients Wizzle uses for his spells, even if they don't always work as he hopes!



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The king loves his new hot air balloon, but when it floats too high, he feels sick. Wizard Wizzle casts a spell to get them to the ground, but the balloon just whizzes off. Luckily, Wizzle's sister, Wanda, knows just what to do!

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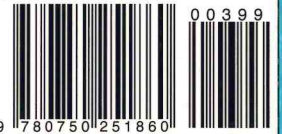
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