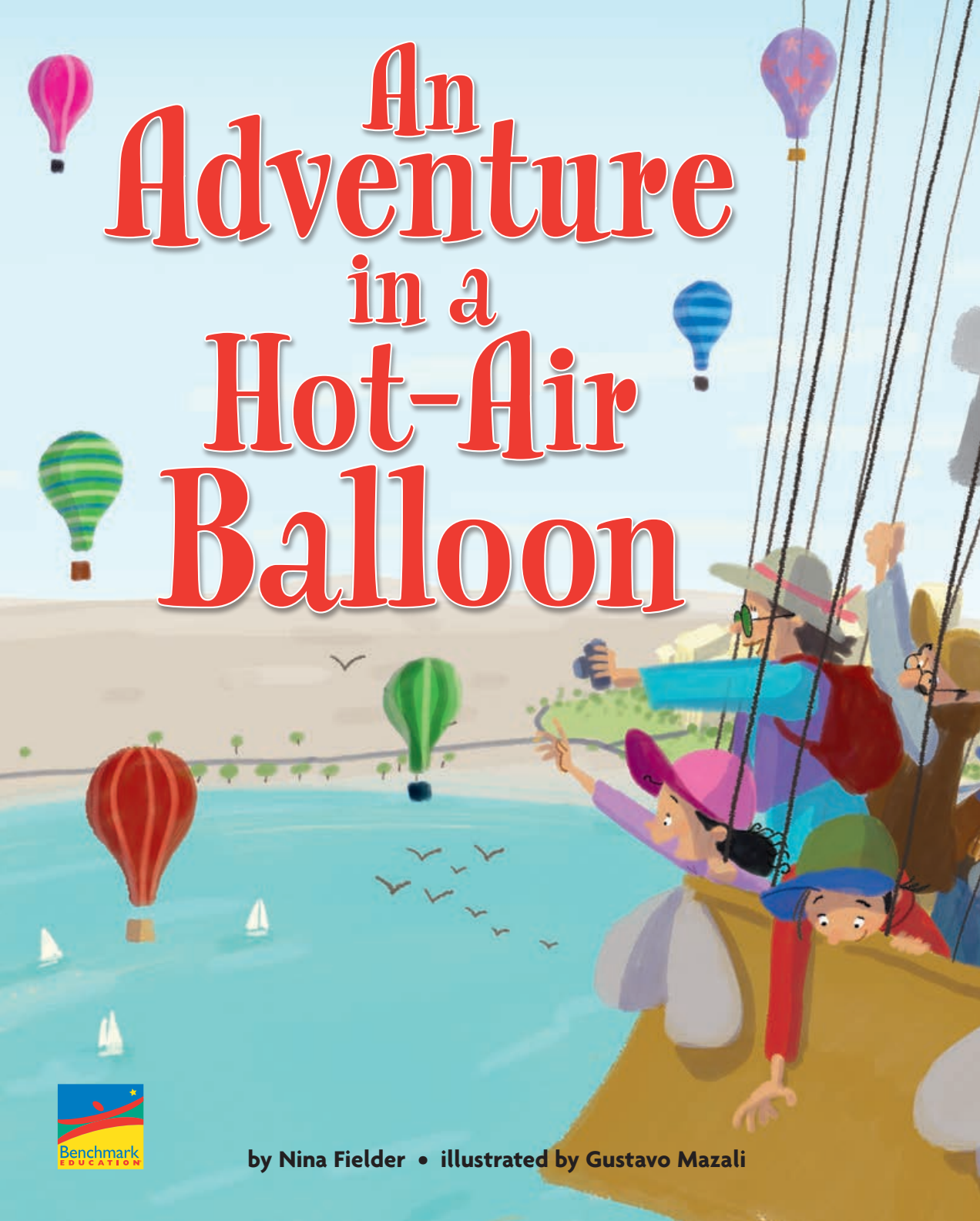


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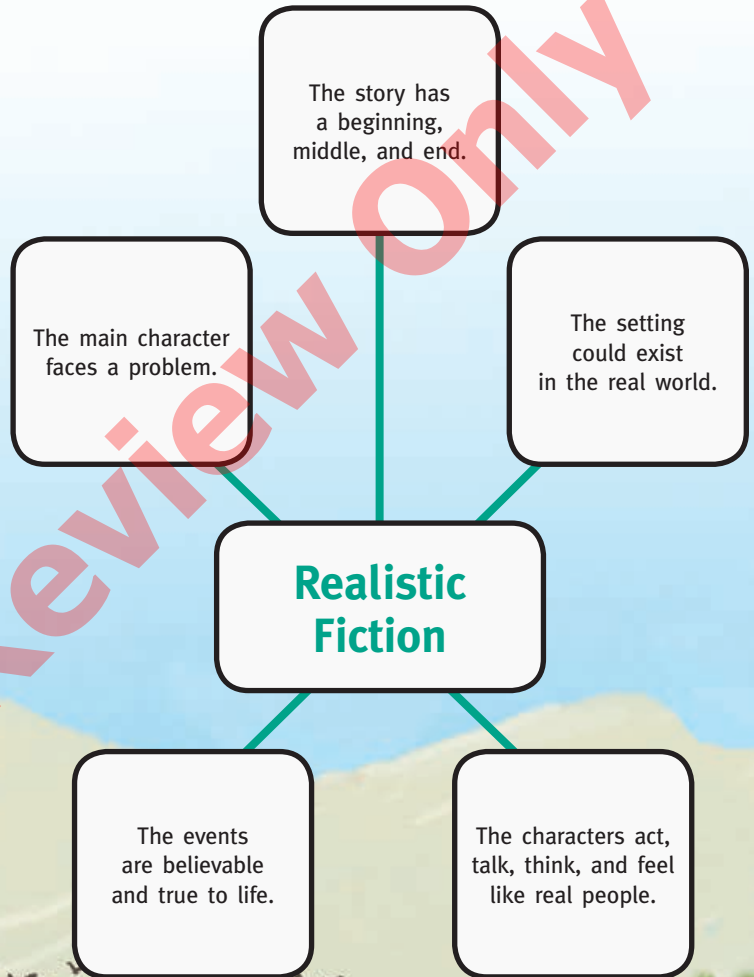
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The Balloon Festival

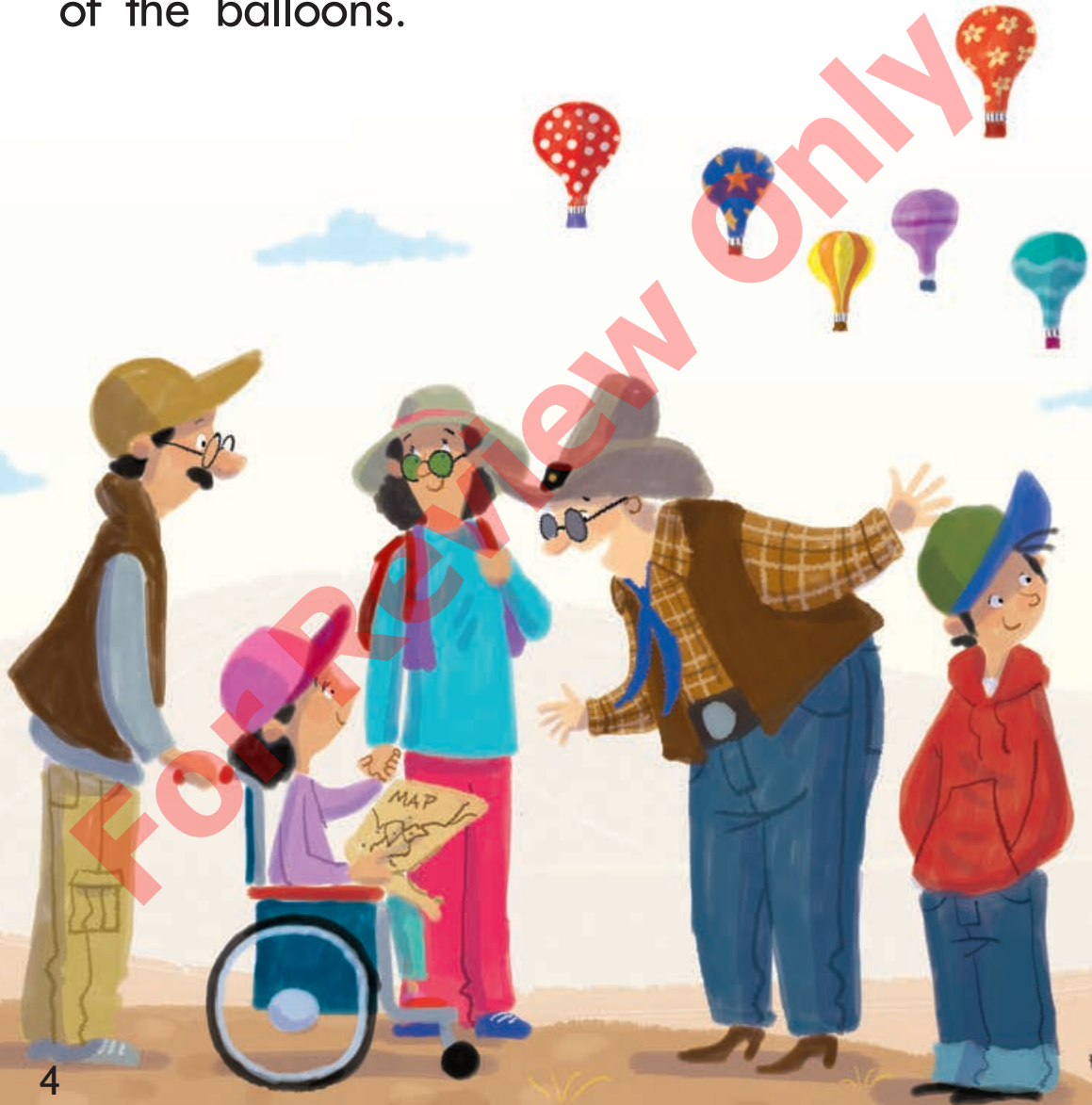
There is a great festival in New Mexico. It is the biggest hot-air balloon festival in the world. I am going there with my family.



The balloons are different colors and patterns. There are balloons from the United States, Mexico, and Brazil. There are balloons from all over the world!



There are many things to do at the festival. I hope we can go up in one of the balloons.



I am looking at the map of New Mexico. Soon, the pilot comes to talk to us.

“Would you like a ride in a balloon?” the pilot asks me.

“Can I?” I ask my parents.

“Yes! Let’s all go!” says my dad.



Up in the Air

I am going to ride in a balloon!
We get in the balloon with the pilot.
The balloon slowly rises up in the sky.



We are so high up! I look down.
The people look small from up here!
Mommy leans over to take pictures.



I can see the whole city. It looks so small from up here! There is a soft breeze. We are flying east. I see some mountains.



The balloons are flying past the mountains. “These mountains are called the Sandia Mountains,” says the pilot.

