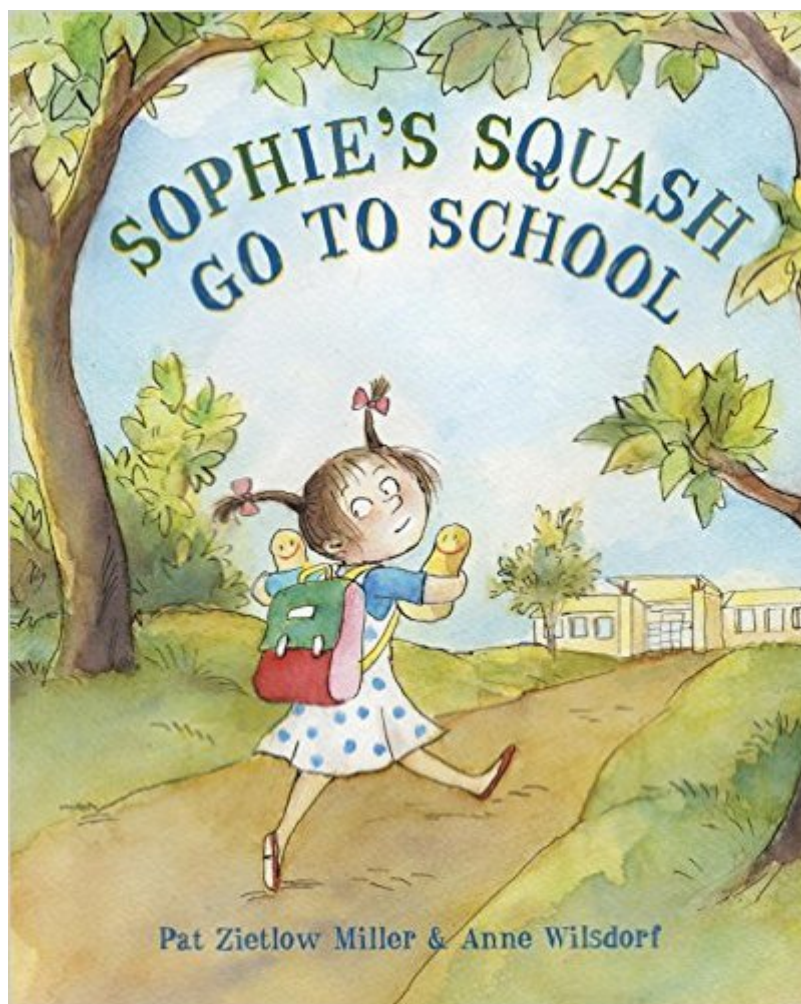


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# Sophie's Squash Go To School



## Synopsis

This charming sequel to the beloved Sophie's Squash is the perfect antidote to the back-to-school jitters. Sophie goes to school for the first time and has no interest in making friends that aren't squash. Here's a gently humorous read-aloud that proves that making friends, just like growing squash, takes time. On Sophie's first day of school, nobody appreciates her two best friends, Bonnie and Baxter, baby squash that she grew in her garden. Even worse, one classmate, Steven Green, won't leave Sophie alone. He sits by her at circle time. He plays near her during recess. And he breathes on her while she paints. Steven just wants to be friends, but Sophie isn't interested. Still, Sophie knows that her squash friends won't last forever. Maybe it would be nice to have some human friends after all. . . .

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## Customer Reviews

In this sequel to the first Sophie's Squash book, headstrong Sophie is starting kindergarten and now she has two squash companions (last year's squash had twins: Bonnie and Baxter). She's just as attached to the twins as she was to the original and this causes some friction when

her social circle rapidly expands to include her new classmates. No one makes fun of Bonnie or Baxter or of Sophie for carting them around, but the other children are very curious about them and Sophie in turn is fiercely protective. She pushes everyone away in favor of the two butternut squash, including the very friendly Steven (and his plush frog friend). While Sophie's stubbornness is frustrating to behold, it is not unrealistic. She does consider being more outgoing with her classmates one particular day, but her overtures at friendship are a little too subtle and nothing really comes of them. Her teacher and parents listen to Sophie's frustrations about her life at school, in particular the friendly Steven, and encourage her to keep an open mind. They don't do anything too drastic though; Bonnie and Baxter are not banned from school. Sophie's teacher leads a class discussion on what makes a good friend, but of course no one is singled out. After a few tense weeks Bonnie and Baxter go down for their "winter nap" (Sophie agrees to plant her squash friends each Fall so they can come back in the Spring) and Sophie resorts to drawing the duo constantly. She and Steven have an altercation eventually (a misunderstanding) and Steven works even harder to make amends, going so far as to lend Sophie his frog companion. Given some time to think and confer with her family, Sophie makes a wise decision.

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