

Hello Readers:

When I first created a series about a precocious young trapeze artist horrified to discover that she's actually afraid of heights, I was channeling a long-standing personal fear. Louise struggles to feel grown up, only to learn that acknowledging her fears is perhaps the most grown-up way to handle them. Making peace with my own shortcomings has been a huge part of my own (ongoing!) process of becoming a grown-up. I still have a ways to go, but Louise helps me to laugh about the highs and lows (pun intended!) of the journey. I hope you'll agree! Enjoy these discussion questions and activity pages!

See you at the circus,

Micol

**Book reviews:**

"A determined gal with a whole lot of heart, Louise will have fans hoping for a fourth outing."  
-*Kirkus Reviews*

"Louise is an adorable character with a genuine personality and larger-than-life emotions.... A first purchase and dazzling readalike for 'Ivy and Bean' fans."  
-*School Library Journal*

**Discussion questions:**

1. In book 1, Louise learns that facing her fear of heights is *actually* very grown-up. Was there a time that you had to face a personal fear? How did you feel afterward?
2. In book 2, Louise tells us all about her Important Circus Jobs. What sort of chores or responsibilities do you have?
3. In book 3, Louise misunderstands something that she overhears, and believes that the circus must be in trouble. Can you think of a time when you jumped to conclusions without having all the information available? What happened and why? How could you have handled the situation differently?
4. In book 4, Louise is constantly losing things. Have you ever lost something meaningful? If so, did you find it again? Do you have a special place for important keepsakes?
5. Louise and her friends are performers in the circus, and their school (which we see in book 3) is probably very different than yours! In what other ways is Louise's life different from yours? Do you think you'd enjoy being part of a traveling circus?

To learn more about Louise (and the author), [visit Micol Ostow's website](#).

**Author call-in information:** Micol Ostow is happy to call-in to (or Skype with) your club. She can also meet with your group if you live in the New York Tri-State Area. [Email the author](#) to submit your request.



# Louise Trapeze

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ACTIVITY

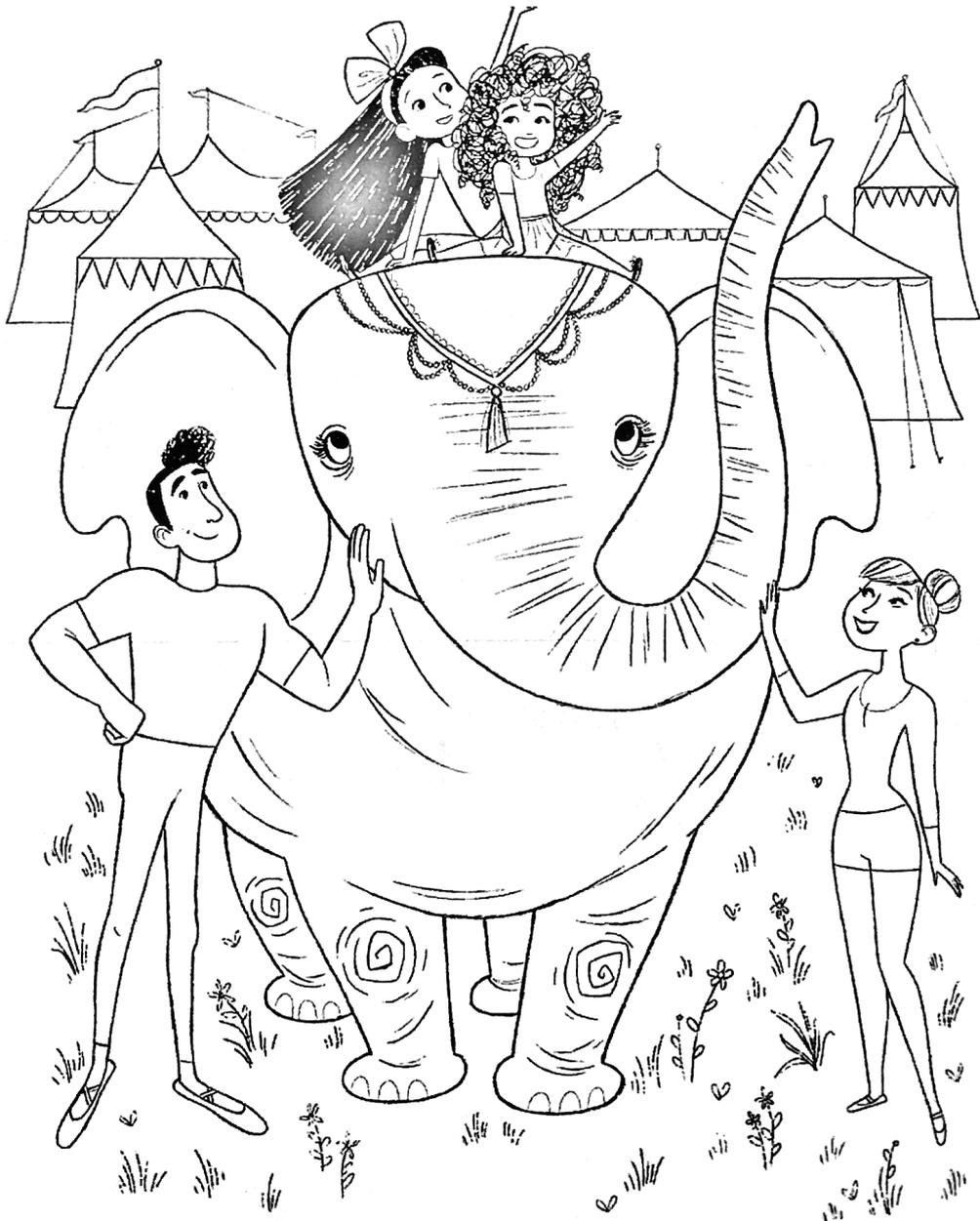
## Totally 100% Fearless!

Louise is afraid of heights . . . but she swings from a real flying trapeze!  
Draw yourself doing something fearless, just like Louise.

Is Totally 100% Fearless!



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