



## ***Gypsy Day on the Farm - Jennifer Beck***

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This entertaining picture book gives a glimpse of Kiwi farm life that will be unfamiliar to city kids. The first day of June is the busiest day on the agricultural calendar. It's the traditional date when farms change ownership and families, sharemilkers, equipment and livestock are on the move to different locations.

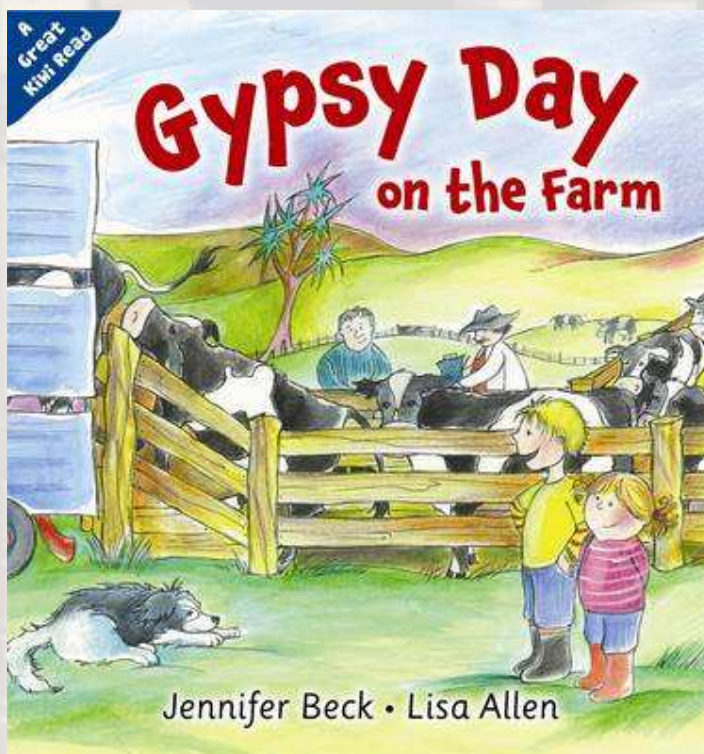
Stock trucks, removal vans, lorries, tractors, cattle and cars stream out of farm gates on their way to new places. Combined with Queen's Birthday Weekend holiday makers, the roads often become clogged with traffic.

The annual upheaval is seen through the eyes of a sharemilker's son and the effect it has on his family and friends. The excitement unfolds in a lively rhyme that matches the hustle and bustle.

Lisa Allen's colourful illustrations showcase the busy lives of the farming community. The pages are full of interaction between cheerful people supporting each other at school, home and on the farm.

A factual 'behind the scenes' section at the end of the book gives more detail about this busy day. A great Kiwi read.

**Reviewed by children's book author, Jean Bennett.**



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