

## ***Marmaduke Duck and Bernadette Bear – Juliette McIver***

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The combined talents of author, Juliette McIver, and award-winning illustrator, Sarah Davis, bring this captivating picture book to life.

Marmaduke Duck is a whiz at making delicious jam and the cheerful rhyme shows his pleasure in his work. "And he sang as he sat making jam non-stop! Marmaduke Duck in the Marmalade Shop."

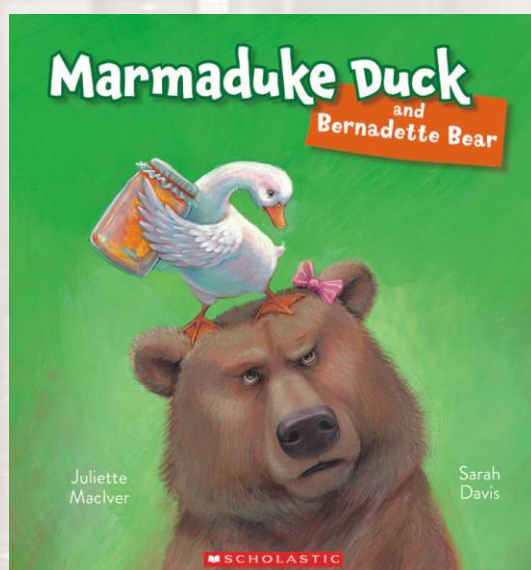
Davis's intricate illustrations are jam-packed with fascinating characters eager to buy Marmaduke's products. The animals are so appealing that readers will want to linger over each page to examine the fine detail.

The happy scenes are shattered when Bernadette Bear stomps into the shop and growls that she's opening, "The Sun Bear Fun Bear Honey Boutique!"

Within a short time, Marmaduke's customers have deserted him for Bernadette's honey shop. He shuts his door and walks away. Then he sees the bear's devious advertising signs that have waylaid his customers. The furious, red-faced duck storms into the honey shop and sets off a disastrous chain of events.

Fortunately, the rivals work out a solution to their discord and peace is restored. Co-operation is seen to be a better strategy than competition. A quality hardback book that will become a family favourite.

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



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