



***Sam Goes Wild* - Jennifer Beck illustrated by Jenna Packer**

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You have to love a book for 4 - 7 year olds that contains the word "imponderabilia". Jennifer Beck's delightful tale of young Sam's trip with his Uncle Nick to the Hokitika Wildfoods Festival is an absolute delight. The impeccable rhyming makes this an ideal read aloud book:

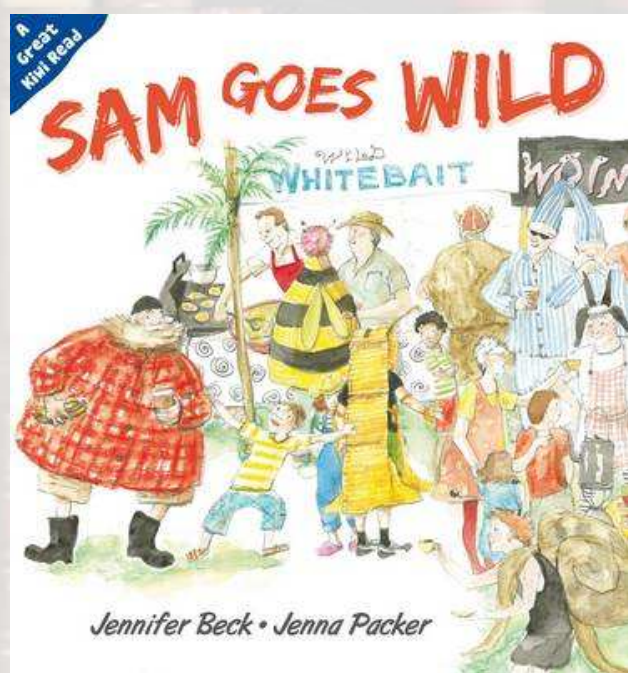
*Crowds flocked to events in the stalls and the tents
some dressed as if going to a party.
They sampled strange dishes
of fauna and fishes
with appetites humungously hearty.*

Jenna Packer's lovely illustrations will delight (or horrify) young readers, as Sam and Uncle Nick chow down on live huhu grubs, wild pig's trotters, and Possum Pie.

The end pages give information about Hokitika and the Annual Festival, and Sam's Recipe for Mussel Fritters.

Jennifer Beck has written a number of best-selling award-winning children's books, while Jenna Packer is an Ilam School of Fine Arts graduate who has exhibited in New Zealand, France, and Japan.

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