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## **The Silly Goat Gruff – Scott Tulloch**

**Publisher: Scholastic New Zealand**

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A charming rhyming tale in which Willy, Billy and Silly Goat Gruff take on the nasty troll who lives under the bridge that lies between them and starvation. Each goat outwits the troll, with Silly's performance being magnificent! His rhymes (troll, roll, droll and extol as just one example) and his illustrated antics are designed to put a smile on any child's face - and the adult reading it.

As shown in the rhyming example above, Scott Tulloch doesn't limit his vocabulary to fit the age of the young child listening or reading, happily including 'big words' at times (guaranteed, smithereens, invincible) as well as the slangy 'I reckon' to finish the book. Recommended for children 3 - 7 years old, this tale will quickly become a much-asked for favourite.

The illustrations are delightful with interesting variation in size from quarter page to double page, from wide landscapes to thought bubbles.

Parents and school teachers alike please note: Scott Tulloch is an author to watch, as is this series of re-writes of familiar old tales that Scholastic is publishing.

**Reviewed for Bookrapt by  
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