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## ***Marmaduke Duck on the Wild Blue Seas*** written by **Juliette MacIver** illustrated by **Sarah Davis**

**Publisher: Scholastic New Zealand**

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This is a further title in the Marmaduke Duck series also involving Bernadette Bear. Juliette MacIver quickly sets the scene for any readers who may not already know these two friends. While Bernadette Bear 'was a home sort of bear', Marmaduke 'was a duck with pluck'.

'The wild world called  
to his restless heart.  
It was time for adventure  
Time to depart!'

Marmaduke Duck with his galleon and his crew of a rat, a cat, a dog, a llama, a lamb and a big black bull, enjoys life at sea until disaster strikes in the form of pirates ... Marmoset Monkeys and their Orangutan Fang leader attack ... but Bernadette Bear comes to the rescue.

The full color illustrations add much to the young listener's understanding of the changing moods and emotions of these characters, from dare devil to fun to fear to final resolution. An adventure story for the young child to enjoy.

Juliette MacIver and Sarah Davis have become an excellent team. Well done, Scholastic NZ for continuing with this fun series of picture books for the young.

**Reviewed by Chris Wright**

