



Let's Catch that Rainbow! **written and illustrated by Ann Keane**

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This charming children's picture book showcases New Zealand's rural communities and their willingness to help a neighbour.

Young Hadleigh is looking out the window waiting for his brother to come home on the school bus when he sees a rainbow over the paddocks. He tugs on his gumboots and runs outside. He jumps up to try and touch the rainbow but it seems to be just out of reach.

Hadleigh enlists his mother's help but she can't catch the rainbow either. At that moment, the school bus arrives and the driver and passengers all join in trying to reach the rainbow. Then Hadleigh's father and his fishing mates arrive on the scene and their helpful efforts turn hilarious.

The colourful illustrations accentuate the Kiwi countryside and the friendly nature of small communities. The humorous antics of the fathers will amuse readers when the men's bright idea creates chaos. Background details such as cabbage trees, barbed wire fences, an old Landrover and the school bus, all combine to give a glimpse of country life.

It's a warm-hearted story that shows the pleasure to be gained in working together. Young readers will enjoy the positive outcome for Hadleigh and his helpers.

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