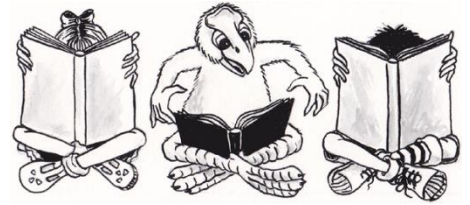


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***We're Going on a Moa Hunt:* a retelling of the classic children's adventure illustrated by Patrick McDonald**

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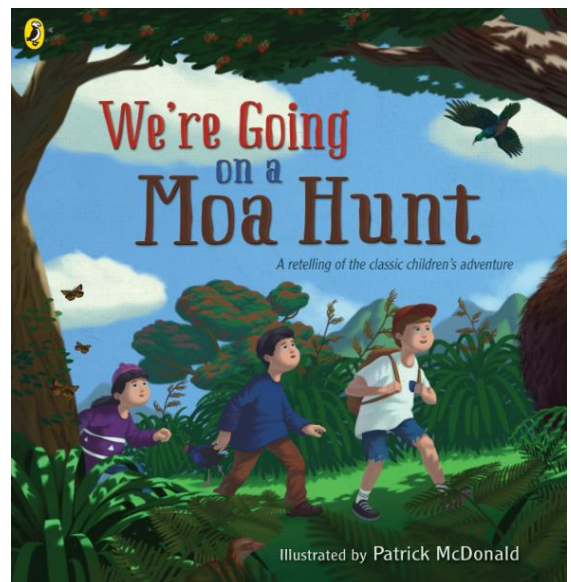
A picture book that brings a New Zealand perspective to the classic tale enjoyed by many children. Similar to the original version, these Kiwi kids set off full of bravado to search for a wild creature.

*We're going on a moa hunt.
We're not scared.
We're going to catch a **big** one.
We're **not** scared!*

The anticipation and tension builds as the three children encounter typical New Zealand bush, rivers, mountains, and caves. Young readers will love reciting the onomatopoeic words.

*Uh-oh ... a sucky, mucky swamp!
We can't go over it, we can't go under it,
we'll have to go through it.
Slurp, slush, **suck**, squelch, slurble!*

The bold and bright illustrations are peppered with local wildlife. It's fun to try and find the creatures taking cover in the bush, trees, streams, hills and beaches (information on the back flap helps with the search). The two boys and one girl explore on their own and tramp through the challenges with determination. Their expressive faces show their apprehension when they eventually meet the huge bird. The final scene wraps up their adventure and shows why the moa chased them home.



This attractive publication celebrates New Zealand's environment, and encourages kids to go outdoors and explore.

illustrator's website:

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Reviewed by children's book author, Jean Bennett