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Marmaduke Duck and the Christmas Calamity **by Juliette MacIver, illustrated by Sarah Davis**

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*Santa, his reindeer, and all of his elves
plunged off a cliff face and buried themselves.*

Marmaduke Duck to the rescue!

Marmaduke Duck has helped so many in the past, he can now count on them to assist in this latest adventure. Off they go in his ship to the north, where a deep ravine faces them. Problem solving skills are needed. Who else but Marmaduke Duck can ensure all gifts are wrapped and delivered on time?

Full of energy and emotions that swing from despair to elation, this rhyming tale is greatly enhanced by the full of action illustrations.

A sure winner for all Marmaduke Duck fans to find in their Christmas stocking, and a great introduction to any newcomers to Marmaduke Duck stories.

This read aloud book in full colour will delight young children. Those able to read to themselves will be extended with words such as calamity, entombed, and Yuletide, and help from the illustrations will aid their understanding.

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