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Vikings on a shopping trip, a mermaid finding various uses for a shoe, a cheeky little vampire bat, and a tidy pirate named Clyde ? just some of the colourful characters waiting to be discovered in [Nick Sharratt](#) [4]'s new book, his very first poetry collection. As ever, his illustrations are wonderfully bright and lively, full of energy and movement, and his verse is too: it bounces along nicely with some very satisfying rhymes for young readers. He has particular fun with A Tartan Tale where the farmer ? not Macdonald here but Fergal MacFindlay MacFee ? lives ?*With his Scotty MacDog/ And his purry MacCat/ His MacBudgies (one green and one blue)/ His oinky MacPig/And his woolly MacSheep/And his greedy MacBillygoat too.*? Farmer, farm and livestock are all represented in stylish Sharratt tartan, an irresistible double page spread! Children will have great fun too examining the Vikings? helmets, especially when they notice that ? on their return trip from the supermarket ? they are augmented with bananas, carrots and ice-cream cones! Full of an exuberant pleasure in language and images, this is a verbal and visual treat for children.

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