

Two tales of two Jacks

Books introduce culture to children

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We were first introduced to Necie's work through her first book, "There's No Place Like My Newfoundland and Labrador Home – Growing up in Outport Newfoundland and Labrador." She follows through with "Jack Likes Salt Fish and Scrunchions – Do You?"

I think the young children's book author has found her niche. She has a wonderful concept, focusing on the things that make this province special.

In her latest venture, she uses Jack and his family to introduce the reader to a variety of Newfoundland foods and, in true rhyming fashion, makes it fun to learn about them for children. The opening is just an example.

"In Newfoundland and Labrador My home upon the sea

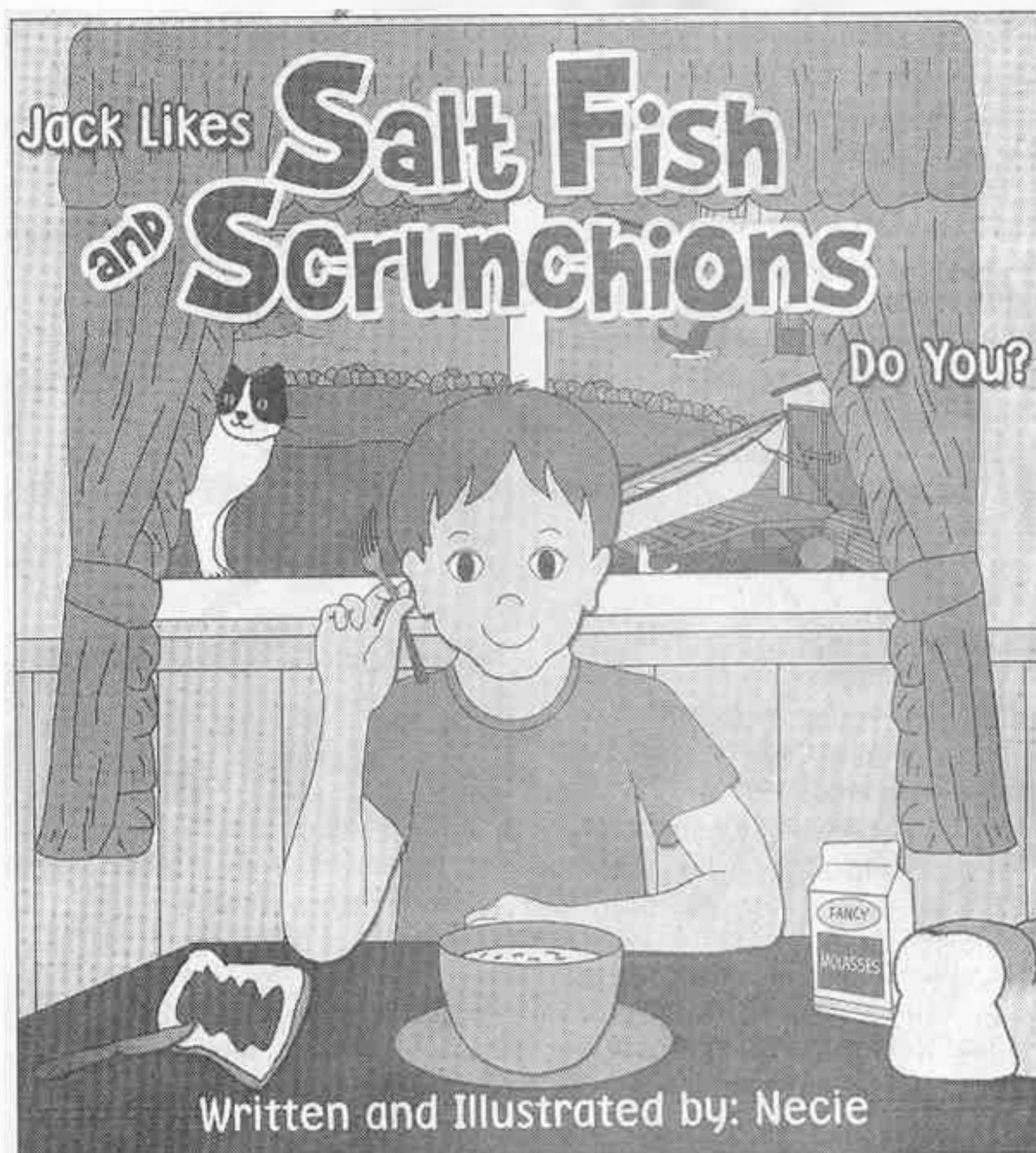
"Our food may seem peculiar but not to folks like me

"Like salt codfish and scrunchions Colcannon and fish stew

"Figgy Duff and doughboys just to name a few."

At the end of the book, she provides several Newfoundland recipes and invites the children to help make them.

This was Lindsay's favourite part of the book because she now likes to help me bake and wants to try out some of Necie's suggestions.



Written and Illustrated by: Necie

"Jack Likes Salt Fish and Scrunchions Do You?"

By Necie

DRC Publishing

36 pages; \$12.95

The other cute thing which caught the children's eye in the book is the presence of a little black-and-white cat with emerald green eyes on every page.

Not sure if it's a family pet, but it adds a special touch.

Necie's book is designed for children, fun to read and explodes with colourful pictures of everything Newfoundland.

Keep up the good work.

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