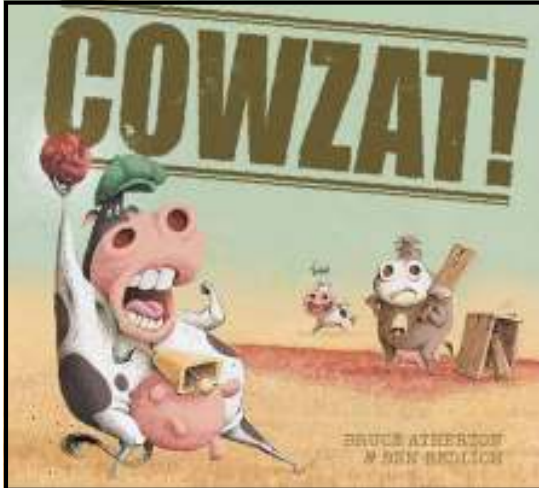


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Cowzat!

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'One balmy day down under in a paddock by a stream,
A herd of cows was eating grass and making milk and cream.
When one of them — a Jersey cow called Jenny Bramble Rose,
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