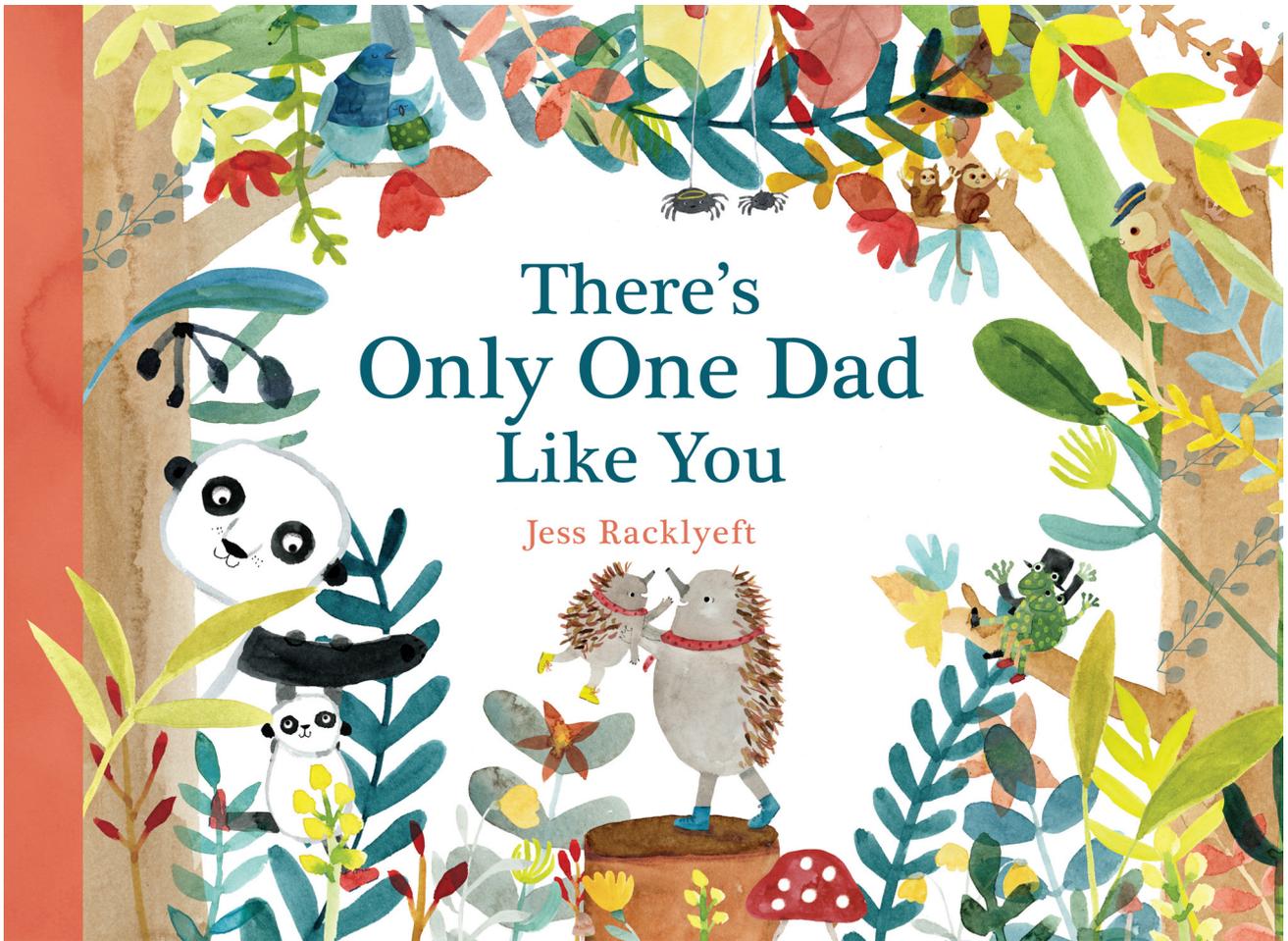


TEACHERS NOTES



There's Only One Dad Like You

Themes

- Creativity & Fun
- Support
- Quiet Time
- Uniqueness

Suitable For:

Ages 2–8
Prep to Grade 2

Description

*There's only one dad like you, Dad.
My hero, friend and guide.
You teach me about this great big world
And how to enjoy the ride.*

Wise dads, caring dads, daring dads, creative dads – each dad brings their own sense of fun. Joyful, tender and heartfelt, *There's Only One Dad Like You* is a celebration of the merry magic of dads.



About the Author

Jess Racklyeft is a children's book lover, draw-er and reader based in Melbourne, who also creates work for card companies, picture books, original paintings, prints and all types of different client projects. Jess loves watercolours, but is getting more and more into combining digital work and tinkers with oils, pencils and any other bits and bobs she can get her mitts on. Two of the books Jess has illustrated, *Merry Everything* and *Smile Cry*, have gone on to become CBCA notables.



Themes



CREATIVITY & FUN

Fixer of all that is broken, builder of best surprise.

Dads are always ready for a good game! In *There's Only One Dad Like You*, we have a spotty-socked panda acting as a jungle gym for his cubs, a fox corralling his crew in a cardboard ship and a spider repairing a web as his spiderling watches on. Young readers will recognise things they do with their own dads, and perhaps get ideas for new games. The creative outlets shown in this story encourage fun, whimsy and imagination. A baby bear watches his Dad tell a story through art and a hedgehog family prepares for an adventure – there's a piece of every dad in this timeless tale.

SUPPORT

If I am scared, you sing my song; I forget what scared me below.

Dads are a steady source of emotional support to their children – they offer reassurance and encouragement if children are worried or unsure. A firefly leads his child through the dark forest, providing a bright trail through the night. A tropical fish guides his little one through the sea, keeping him safe from harm. These are gentle ways to show young children how their dads help, guide and support them in life.

QUIET TIME

The king of peanut-buttered bread, master of silent tip-toe.

There is a time to play, and then there is a time to rest. Young children might have boundless energy and play endless games with dads, but dads can also share in quiet and peaceful moments. A little reindeer calf curls up on the forest floor as his dad tiptoes away, having shared a quiet story at the end of the day. *There's Only One Dad Like You* celebrates fatherhood's soft, tranquil moments.

UNIQUENESS

I love your tune the very most, whistled wherever I go.

No two dads are exactly alike. *There's Only One Dad Like You* is all about embracing the quirks that make each dad unique, whether it's a penchant for peanut-buttered bread or a flair for storytelling. Young readers will see that every dad is special, and there is no cookie-cutter father figure: every dad shares something different with their child, so no two father-child relationships are quite the same.



Activities & Discussion Points



- Every dad is different, and every dad is special. What are some of the special things your dad can do? Are there any special things that you do together?
- As you are reading the story, see if you can name all the animals in the illustrations. Once you get to the end, decide which of the animals you like the best. Why is that animal your favourite? Which animal do you think would be your dad's favourite?
- All of the baby animals in this story are doing something with their dad. Draw a picture of you and your dad doing something fun. You might be playing a game like the foxes, or reading a story together like the reindeer.
- Take a look at the front cover of this story. There are lots of different animals, all in the jungle. Can you find them all? Once you have found all the animals, draw a different front cover for this story with new animals in a different environment.
- Choose your favourite animal pair in this story and do some research. Try to find three facts about your animal, then write them down in your workbook. Don't forget to draw a picture underneath the facts!
- Look at some real-life photographs of the different animals in *There's Only One Dad Like You*. What are some of the differences between the photographs of the animals and the illustrations in the story?
- Spend some time looking at each illustration. What is it about each dad that their kids find special? For example, the fox kits love that their dad plays games with them, and the spiderling is amazed by his dad's ability to fix anything!
- If you have a copy of *There's Only One Mum Like You*, read it together as a class. How are these books similar? How are they different?
- Try writing your own page for *There's Only One Dad Like You*. Draw a picture of yourself with your Dad, and, using the structure of a page in the book as an example, write a rhyme about why you love him and what makes him unique.
- Think of some of the ways your dad makes you feel special, and brainstorm some ideas for how to make your dad feel special. Maybe you could show him your finished version of the activity above!

