

The Most Magnificent Thing

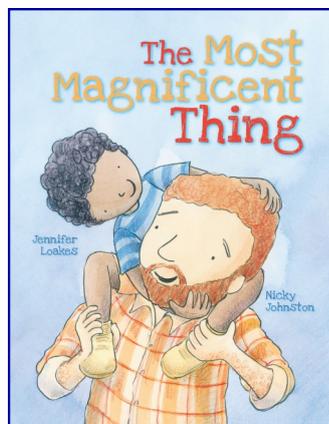
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A warm hug, a loud cheer, a tickly hand, a steady hand. Following a boy and his dad through the day we see all the ways a dad, through his actions, shows his love. *The Most Magnificent Thing* is a tribute to the everyday magnificence of dads.



Teacher Notes have been based on those supplied by the publisher. A full version is available on our website.

Themes:

- Dads
- Family
- Relationships

Discussion Questions and Activities:

Before reading:

- Can you guess from the cover what this book might be about?
- What do you think the Most Magnificent Thing will be?

After reading:

- Make a list of the activities that the boy and his dad do together throughout the day.
- On pages 31/32 we see the boy's room. The illustrator has added little clues that link to the activities that have happened throughout the day. Can you find them?
- What are some words that describe the character of the dad in this book?
- There is no dialogue in this story. Pick one or two of your favourite scenes and create some dialogue – what do you think the characters might be saying to each other?
- What is something special you share with your own dad or someone special in your life? Is there something only you two do together? An activity, a place you go, a food you both like?
- Make a class list of magnificent things that you like to do.
- In the story the boy and his dad make a cubby house. Can you design your own cubby house? Draw up plans for the cubby house.
- If there is an opportunity, design a cubby house as a class, draw up the plans and make it out of blocks or other materials?
- In the book the children enjoy a cool drink together. Can you come up with a magnificent cool drink recipe?
- This book is about a boy and his dad but it could be about anyone who makes up a family. A mum, an aunt, an uncle etc. Can you come up with your own special family story?