

Teaching Notes: Fearless With Dad

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SYNOPSIS

A little boy's lovable celebration of the endless possibilities and adventures he has with his dad.

AUTHOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Cori Brooke is a CBCA shortlisted picture book author (All I Want for Christmas is Rain, 2017 CBCA shortlist), which is something she never thought she would be able to say. Cori spreads herself thin doing too much and multi-tasking to the extreme. At a school visit a little boy pointed at her and said, 'you're crazy'. Cori found it hard to disagree. But then again, sanity is very subjective.

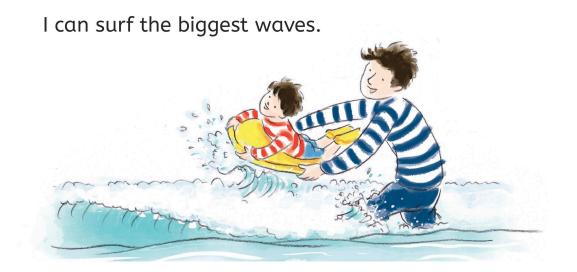
Cori is originally from Canada and lives in Brisbane with her husband, son, dog and cat. Cori loves reading, cooking, camping and of course writing. Cori works full time as a proud Australian Public Servant.

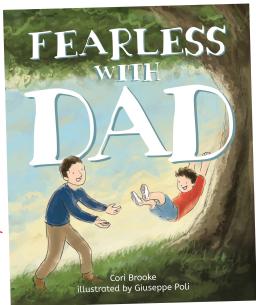
ILLUSTRATOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Giuseppe has been drawing since he was a young child. He studied children's book illustration under Philip Blythe at Arts Academy Queensland. *Hootie the Cutie* is his first book, but since then he has illustrated many more, including *Fearless With Dad*.

EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

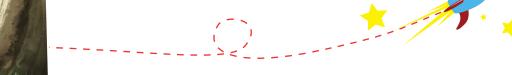
Fearless With Dad is the perfect book for encouraging imaginative play and prompting children to articulate their own adventures and experiences with their families.





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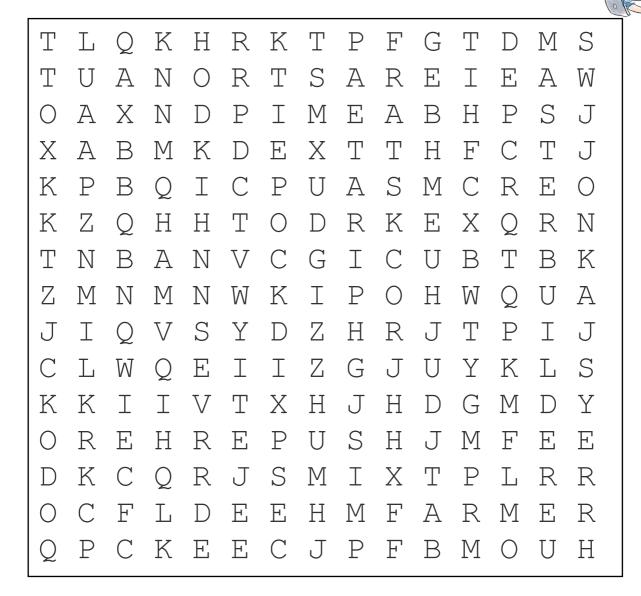


DISCUSSION TOPICS

- 1. Show the children the front cover of the book. Ask them if they can read the title and what they think the book might be about.
- 2. What did they think of the story? Did they like it?
- 3. What do the children do with their dads? Do they have any special activities just for their dad and them? Or even something they do with their whole family?
- 4. Do the children ever imagine what they would like to be when they are older? What do they see themselves as? It doesn't have to be just one idea, as they can see from the story, there are lots of options to choose from!
- 5. Do they play imaginative games like the little boy in the story? If so, who do they play these games with? And what are their games like? Do they pretend to be a pirate or a superhero? Or something else entirely?
- 6. Do their parents ever join them in their imaginary games?
- 7. Do they know when Father's Day is? How do they celebrate?
- 8. Ask the children how they would describe their dad.
- 9. Do they feel fearless when they are with their dad or other members of their family?



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DRAWING ACTIVITY Do you go on adventures with your family? Why not draw one of your adventures in the space below?