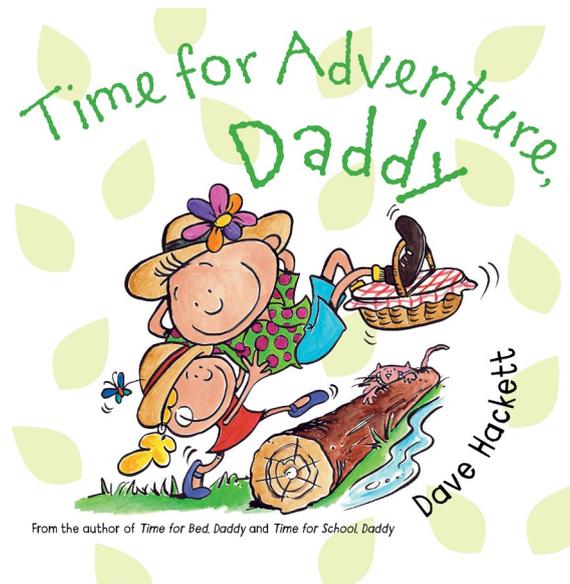


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TIME FOR ADVENTURE, DADDY

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SYNOPSIS

Time for Adventure, Daddy is a refreshing and whimsical story about a little girl who takes her father away from his daily chores and out for an adventure. With the daughter assuming the role of a kind and patient parent, younger readers will readily identify with the fun and excitement of a day spent picnicking and exploring the outdoors. It reflects a playful and loving relationship between father and child, and the importance of reconnecting with nature.

THEMES

- Relationships
- Fathers
- Adventure
- Nature
- Visual Literacy

WRITING STYLE

Time for Adventure, Daddy combines playful and endearing text with humorous and quirky illustrations. It is written in first person, present tense and is narrated by a little girl who is trying to get her dad outside of an adventure. The illustrations complement the narrative effectively, sharing the close relationship between father and daughter and adding elements of visual literacy. It is suitable for early childhood audiences.

STUDY NOTES

- Before reading, discuss the title and front cover of the text. How do the colours and patterns used on the cover and end pages help readers connect the concept of adventure with the outdoors?
- What is an adventure? What types of adventures have you and your family been on? Share in a reflection.
- What excuses does Daddy have for not being able to go on an adventure? What is he doing instead? How do we know? How does this reflect what often happens in busy households?
- How do we know that Daddy is not really trying to play with the princess dolls? Why is it important to 'read' pictures in addition to the written text?
- Compare Daddy's facial expressions and body language on the pages in which the little girl suggests they go on a picnic. How do these illustrations show us that Daddy enjoys picnics?
- Using the example of Daddy wanting to take Albert home, discuss the role reversal between the father and his daughter. Why is this a clever

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way to tell this story? In the role of Albert, retell this part of the story from your point of view.

- In what ways does *Time for Adventure, Daddy* help give young children a positive message about getting outdoors and enjoying time away from screens?
- What additional objects does Daddy want to take on the adventure? Why isn't he allowed to take them?
- Using the illustrations as a guide, write a list of the things the little girl and her daddy take on their adventure.
- In the role of the little girl, write a journal entry about your adventure with Daddy.
- Why are certain words written in green and in larger font? Place these words on a Word Wall and use them to create simple, compound and complex sentences about adventures.
- The text ends with the little girl saying, 'Let's see what tomorrow brings!' Predict what their next adventure might entail.
- How would you describe the relationship between the father and his daughter? What clues, both in the text and the illustrations, demonstrate their relationship?
- In pairs, use Freeze Frame to depict your favourite scene from *Time for Adventure, Daddy*.
- In what ways do you find the father in the story humorous? How do the illustrations help you to better understand his character? Create a character profile of Daddy using both the written and visual components of the text.
- Compare the father in *Time for Adventure, Daddy* with one of your parents. Share your ideas with a friend.
- Rewrite *Time for Adventure, Daddy* substituting you and your parent into the story. What things would you do on your adventure?
- Retell this story in the role of Daddy.
- How do the father and daughter help one another on their adventure? How do we know this?
- Which is your favourite page opening? Why? Share with a friend.
- Create a story map to share the main events in *Time for Adventure, Daddy*.

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- Plan your own class picnic. What food will you take? What utensils and other items might you need? Collect twigs and leaves on your adventure, just like *Daddy*. Write a recount of your picnic to share your experiences. Alternatively, write a recount of a picnic or adventure you have enjoyed with your family.
- Read *Time for Adventure, Daddy* in conjunction with Dave Hackett's other books in this series, *Time for Bed, Daddy* and *Time for School, Daddy*. What story elements from the other titles do you notice in *Time for Adventure, Daddy*? Discuss the flipping of roles in these stories so the child acts like the parent and vice versa. What other titles could be used in this series?

AUTHOR MOTIVATION

Time for Adventure, Daddy grew from so many wonderful moments over the past handful of years when my kids and I would gather up a backpack full of goodies (some necessary, some not – because really, who needs a My Little Pony on a bushwalk?) and head beyond our yard, to see what we could find. So many memories of exploring along the creek bed, helping a lost bird, stopping to play in a big hole, slipping and getting muddy, and sometimes making it all the way to the big cave. And with four children, we're still in the thick of it – still discovering sleeping circles made by dragons in the forest on the way home from the castle, and carrying our shoes while balancing on the river stones as we catch tiny fish in our hands.

Time for Adventure Daddy is about the magic we find in the ordinary. It's about the world beyond our door, and the things we stop to notice along the way that make life such a wonderful adventure.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Dave loves to put down his pens and walk about in nature, and thinks that every day is a big, giant adventure! *Time for Adventure, Daddy* is his twenty-second book. www.cartoondave.com