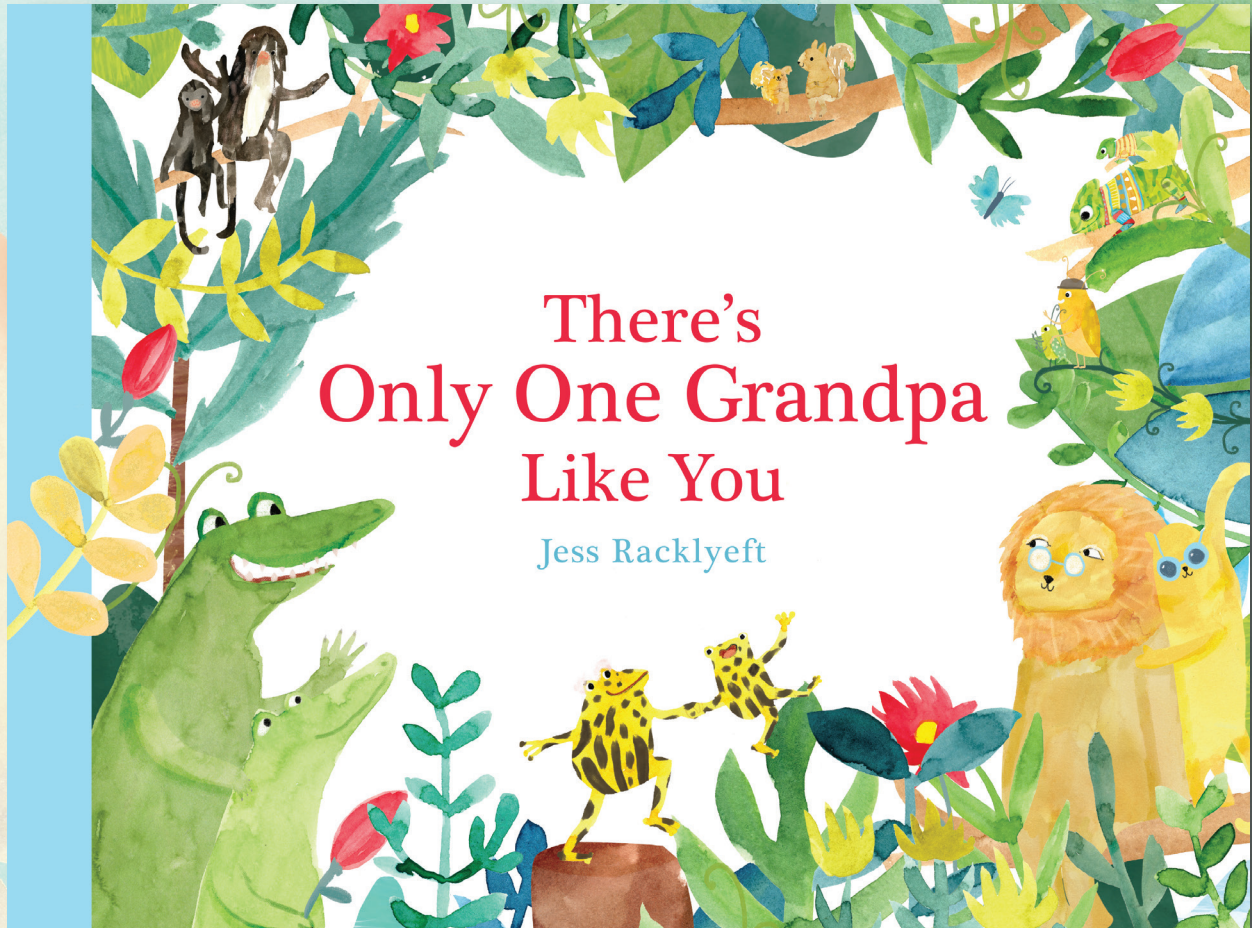


Teachers' Notes and Activities



There's Only One Grandpa Like You

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Suitable for
Ages 3-7

Themes
Love and family
Learning from role models
Diversity

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Synopsis

Grandpas come in lots of forms – Gramps, Opa or Poppy. But there's only one like you, impossible to copy!

From grandads who fill our days with laughter, to nonnos who teach us gardening and grandpops who take us camping – and share a cup of cocoa after – each is special in his own way.

There's Only One Grandpa Like You is a warm, joyful and energetic tribute to grandfathers and their place in our hearts.

About the author-illustrator

Jess Racklyeft is an author and illustrator based in Melbourne. From her home studio, Jess creates original paintings and prints for greeting card companies and various clients. But her favourite work of all is producing children's books! Jess has authored and illustrated several picture books and board books and has won several awards, including two CBCA Notables.

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Also in the *There's Only One ...* series:

There's Only One Grandma Like You
There's Only One Mum Like You
There's Only One Dad Like You
There's Only One Friend Like You

Key themes

Love

The narrators of the story appreciate their grandfathers for many reasons, but above all because of the love that their grandfathers show. Love is shown from grandpa to grandchild in many ways, such as through laughter, shared routines, and gift-giving. No matter whether the narrator is near or far, they are always sure of their grandpa's love – it is always felt. This provides an opportunity to talk about recognising and sharing love within our families.

Learning from role models

Grandfathers in this story teach their grandchildren many things, including how to grow the biggest tomatoes and how to build a ship with timber from a rusty shed. Young readers are sure to find a grandpa that resembles their own in this book! And if they do not have a grandfather figure, they might be able to relate the grandfathers in this story to another grown-up in their lives. This picture book is a great tool to help discuss how and what we learn from other people in our lives, especially role models such as grandparents.

Diversity

No two grandfathers or grandchildren are the same in this book, which reflects diversity and helps us to understand that each grandfather-grandchild relationship is different. Not only do the different grandpas have different ways of showing love to their grandchildren, but they also go by different names (Opa, Poppy, etc.) and are shown as different animals. This is a great starting point to discuss how families are all different.

Before we begin reading

- Have a look at the front cover: what do you think this book will be about?
- How many animals are on the cover?
- Which of the animals is your favourite?
- Do you have a grandfather? If so, what do you call him?
- What is your favourite thing to do with your grandfather?

When we've finished reading

Comprehension

- Look at the artwork on the first page; what is grandpa holding?
- One grandpa bakes a delicious dessert, do you remember what it is?
- What instrument does one grandpa play?
- Which animal is the grandpa who builds the strongest fort?
- What does one grandpa know every fact about?
- What is the porcupine family's ship made out of and where did they get the material from?
- One grandpa teaches the narrator something; what is it?
- What does the narrator miss about grandpa when they are apart?
- What is felt whether near or far?

Numeracy

- The chameleon grandpa is wearing a jumper. Can you count how many different stripes and patterns are on it?
- How many books are on the table on page 7?
- How many bears are sitting around the campfire in the forest?
- There are many different types of sea creatures on pages 10 and 11. Can you count how many there are?
- There are many different animals in the book. How many can you find? How many of them are mammals?

Knowledge and understanding of the world

- Each grandpa is different because every person is different. What are some of the things that make your grandpa unique? What are some of the things that make you unique?
- Which of the grandpas in this story is most like your own grandpa?
- A grandpa in the story knows lots of facts about sport. Does your grandpa know a lot about a particular subject? What do you know lots of facts about?
- There are lots of names for grandfathers, like Gramps or Opa. As a class, write a list of all the names you can think of for grandfathers.

Final reflections

- Did you enjoy this story?
- Which was your favourite grandpa and why?
- If you were writing a book about your grandpa, what would you say?

Activity One: Write a letter

Write a letter to your grandpa or another person that you love to tell them why you love them. Don't forget to thank them for all the things they do for you. You can make your own letter or fill in the space below.

Dear _____

I love you because ...

My favourite things that we do together are ...

Thank you for ...

Love from _____



Activity Two: Draw your family as animals

Here's a family portrait with a twist! Imagine what type of animal you and your family would be. Perhaps you'd be lions or alligators or frogs? Draw yourself with your family or with someone else who is special to you. Perhaps you're all different animals? Use the space below or find another piece of paper.



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