

# Lamont Books Standing Order

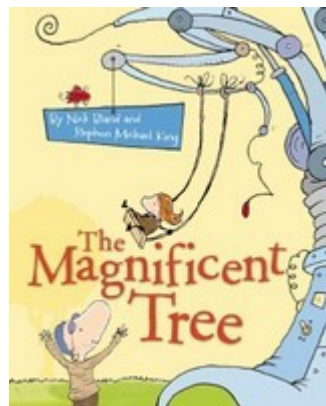
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*Teacher Notes and Activities*

## The Magnificent Tree

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'What we need is a tree!' said Bonny. 'I completely agree,' said Pop. Bonny and Pop are bursting with ideas. Pop's ideas are big and brave and Bonny's ideas are simple and clever. When they decide to make something that will attract the birds, they come up with ideas for a tree. A brave tree, a clever tree, a magnificent tree.



### Themes:

- Different Ideas
- Imagination
- Being together

### Discussion Points:

- 'Bonny and Pop are bursting with ideas. Pop's ideas are big and brave, and Bonny's ideas are simple and clever.' Which of the two characters do you think you are like? Why?
- Bonny and Pop thought each others ideas were great. Why do you think they just did not think of it themselves? Explain.
- People from the same family do not always think or act the same. Who in your family are you very different from? What makes you different? Do you appreciate each others uniqueness?
- Bonny and Pop just loved spending time together. Who is the one person that you spend time with or who you would love to be able to spend more time with? Why are they so special to you? What is one word you would use to describe them?

### Activities:

- Team up with someone else in the class and think of something to make—one needs to have a complicated idea and the other more simple. See how different your creation is to each others.
- Explore the term 'opposites attract'. Create a poster of different things that are different, but that go together.
- Which tree is the most 'magnificent'? Take a vote and record the results. Split into the two groups. Have a fun debate, with each group having to justify their case!