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Teacher Notes and Activities

Same, But Little Bit Diff'rent

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'Right up the very top of Australia there is a special place. My friend Normie comes from there, and he says, 'Things are different to what you might see in the city. Same, but little bit diff'rent....' Told in the stunning collage artwork for which Kylie Dunstan is acclaimed, the story is related by a child living in a southern city and her friend Normie, who lives in the top end. As they compare notes about their lives, activities and interests, they discover how very much they have in common, despite their contrasting environments.



Teacher Notes taken from those supplied by the publisher, Windy Hollow Publishing.

Themes:

- Accepting Difference
- Common Humanity
- Friendship

Discussion Points & Activities:

Before Reading:

- Why do you think 'diff'rent' in the title is spelt the way it is? What does the title tell you about the story?
- What does the front cover illustration suggest to you about the relationship between the two children?

After Reading:

- What does the title page illustration suggest to you about the two characters?
- Where does Normie live, and where does the little girl live?
- Describe the little girl's home life and activities by comparison.
- List what is 'diff'rent' about the two children's food, pets, games and their parents' activities.
- What is the difference between riding in Normie's family's car and the girl's?
- Describe the difference and similarities between Normie's father as an artist and artists in the city.
- What 'special story' do you imagine the girl's grandfather might be telling her (and acting out) in the second last picture?
- What does the story tell you about difference - are the two children more alike than different from each other?
- How does the picture on the back cover make you feel?
- Look closely at how the author has used colour throughout the book to differentiate between the city and the outback. How does this affect you as the reader?