

# Lamont Books Standing Order

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*Teacher Notes and Activities*

## **That Car**

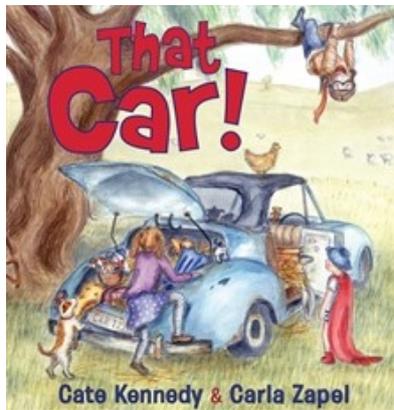
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We found the old car in the shed the very first day we moved to the farm. Dad put it under the peppercorn tree. 'You kids might as well play in it for the time being,' he said. We couldn't wait to find out where that car would take us. A story about three children, one old car, and a world of imagination.



### Themes

- Imagination
- Playing and having fun
- Farm life

### Discussion Points & Activities:

- The children moved to the farm where they found the old car. Do you live on a farm or do you know someone who does?
- How is life on a farm different to living in the city? As a class, come up with a list of pros and cons of living in the city and on a farm.
- The siblings in this story played together. Who do you like to play with the most?
- Using your imagination when you play games can be great fun. What is the best game that you have ever made up with your friends, brothers, or sisters?
- The children imagined the car being in all sorts of different and adventurous places, like Buckingham Palace and Mount Everest. Where in the world would you most like to go if you could? Why?
- When they went on safari, can you recall all the animals that they saw? (You might need to go back and have another look!)
- Do you think children play outside now as much they might have in the past? Why or why not?
- How has technology changed the games that children play?

### Activities:

- As a class, make your own large car that you can play in. You may like to use cardboard and other items bought from home. Decide on a theme and decorate it accordingly. Have fun going on all sorts of imaginary adventures with your friends!