

Grandpa's Big Adventure

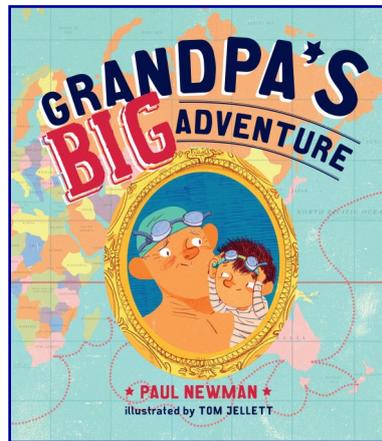
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A warm and funny story shared by grandfather and grandson, from new-comer Paul Newman and award-winning illustrator Tom Jellett. With glimpses of water safety and overcoming fears, this book is full of jokes and visual enjoyment for the whole family to read together, and perfect for Father's Day.



Themes:

- Swimming
- Grandparents
- Overcoming Fears
- Learning new things
- Humorous stories

Discussion Points and activities:

- The story begins with the little boy saying "I'm afraid of the water". Discuss amongst the class the fears that they might have.
- How do you think we become afraid of things?
- What can we do to help overcome things that we are afraid of?
- How did Grandpa help his grandson overcome his fear of the water in this story?
- Do you think it is important to learn to swim? What are some of the fun activities that you can do in and around the water?
- Why is it important to learn new things?
- What is one activity that you can't do at the moment that you would like to learn to do?
- What do you think would be good about it?
- The Grandpa in the story told his grandson many funny stories about his adventure around the world. Do you think any of the things he did were true? Why or why not?
- If you could have one big adventure, where would you want to go and why?
- Grandpa took sweets and tea to drink when he swam around the world. Make a list of all the things that you would take on an adventure like this
- Grandpa said he bumped his head on the equator. Do you know what the equator is and where it is?
- Re-create your picture of Grandpa swimming into the harbour in New York, including all the high rise buildings.