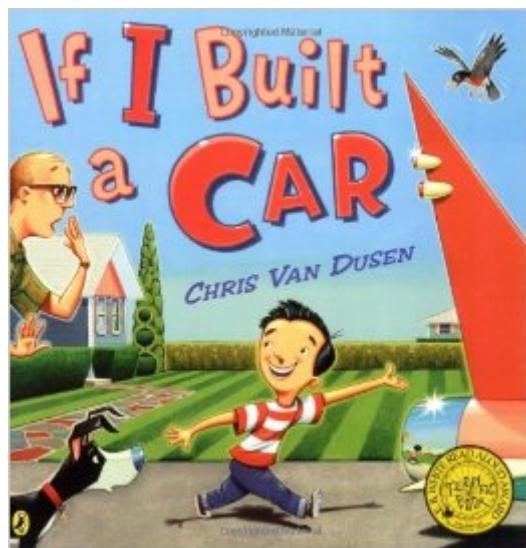


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# If I Built A Car



## **Synopsis**

?If i built a car, it?d be totally new! Here are a few of the things that i?d do. . . .? Jack has designed the ultimate fantasy car. inspired by zeppelins and trains, Cadillacs and old planes, with brilliant colors and lots of shiny chrome, this far-out vision is ready to cruise! there?s a fireplace, a pool, and even a snack bar! After a tour of the ritzy interior, robert the robot starts up the motor . . . and Jack and his dad set off on the wildest test drive ever!

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book is amazing. My 6-year-old son loves it, and my wife and I quite enjoy it too. The artwork is beautifully done, colorful, crisp, and bright. The writing is superb too -- perfect rhythm and rhyme, but not forced; I dare say it's better than Dr. Seuss. And the concept of this book really captures the imagination: this amazing car and all that it can do. One thing I especially appreciate about it is that the car does not change from page to page; it's completely self-consistent, even though each page points out some amazing new feature. I also love the front and back inside cover -- they're covered with sketches, in the front showing earlier ideas for the car that didn't make the cut, and in the back, showing the final design, like a rough blueprint. We got this book from the library, but I'll be buying a copy, and looking for other books by the same author. No other children's book has ever impressed me like this one did.

This is the first book I have read by this author and it is absolutely amazing. Done in rhyme, a child

describes in perfect detail what the construction would be for his fine automobile. I read to my children every night and I read someone else's review at [and](#) stumbled upon this book, I have to say it is a huge hit, and it's been included in our reading selection during every daily read aloud. My kids are starting to memorize it and they just got it a few days ago! I can't wait to receive his other books! Buy this book, you won't be disappointed!

As a Father of two children who shares the duties of reading to my young children, great illustrations are a must. In my opinion, Chris Van Dusen is king. Maybe Big King. Or Biggest. Possibly More Biggest King! Don't forget either that the guy also writes the things too! "If I Built a Car" has some of the most imaginative illustrations I have seen in a long time. Buy this book now. Words don't describe. But the pictures will!

This is a super cute book! My daughter received "If I Built a Car" as her free monthly book from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (if you have never heard of it, google it! Your children can receive a free book in the mail every month until they turn 5! No fees whatsoever. You just sign up & enjoy!) I have been pleased with all books my daughters have received but I think this one has been my most favorite. My girls & I enjoyed it so much that I came to [to](#) see what other books the author may have. I am getting ready to order a few of his other titles but wanted to leave a review here for others to see, as this IS the cutest book! (Sorry a couple photos are sideways. I've included 4 photos. They're the first 2 and last 2 pages of the story.)

I bought this book for my 5 year old son. He is very picky about the books he reads. Unfortunately, I typically can't get through a whole book because he loses attention fast. NOT WITH THIS BOOK. He sits there and looks in awe at the pictures while listening attentively to the story. I think the illustrations are very captivating and better than that of most books (especially for a young kid). I just ordered two more of his books and can't wait to get them. I wanted to make sure I wrote a review because what I appreciate the most is the renewed bonding I have with my son through reading him something that he thoroughly enjoys. All of the ratings are spot on for this one!

"If I Built a Car" served double duty. I arranged a baby shower for my daughter and son-in-law where couples and families were invited. We know a baby boy is on his way so it became my job to find a theme for this shower, and I got the idea of "cars" because all the guys in the family, on both sides, LOVE cars(not the Disney movie). This book served as a guest book because I left tiny

post-its where guests could sign and leave a message for our baby when he arrives. Also, my daughter and son-in-law are advocates of reading to children so they plan to read this to him when the time is right.

We own all the Chris Van Dusen books and my kids just adore his silly rhymes and creative stories. We are a fan of all the McGee books and the baseball book and both "If I Built a Car" and "If I Built a House" books.

My 7 year old son loves this book. He likes to invent things in his head, and spends a lot of time tinkering with cast-off tools and parts at his own workbench. I worried this book might be a bit young for him (and it probably is, but he isn't a strong reader) but I am happy that I purchased it. At this point, ANY book that gets him excited about reading is a win from my perspective.

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