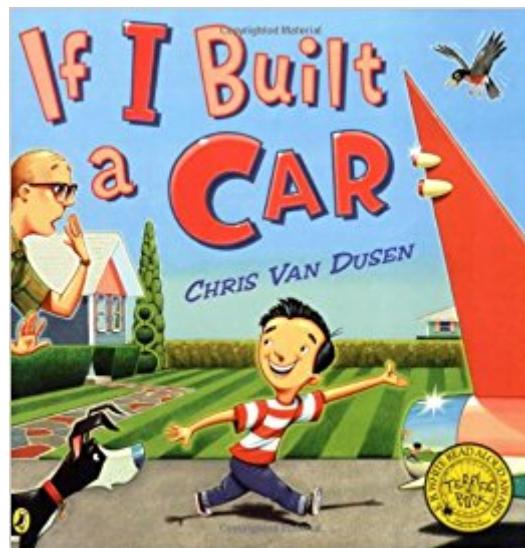


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# If I Built A Car



## 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!

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## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2-With descriptions and a rhyme scheme clearly inspired by Dr. Seuss, a little boy relates all of the wonderful things about the car he plans to design, including safety features, a pool, a robot driver, and the ability to go underwater and fly through the air. The rhyme scheme works well enough, although at times the rhythm falters. The artwork is the real draw here. The brightly colored, crisp, cartoon-style illustrations, reminiscent of the Jetsons, are likely to keep viewers' attention. The full-bleed pictures are animated and detailed, and the boy's dog, which appears in each picture, ties the images together nicely. This slight story may attract young fans of vehicles, but readers looking for a plot will be disappointed in what is essentially an extensive laundry list of the automobile's attributes.-Amy Lilien-Harper, The Ferguson Library, Stamford, CT Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Audible Audio Edition edition.

K-Gr. 2. A young boy decides to design a better car than the old family station wagon. Driven by a robot, his sleek, supercharged vehicle can drive underwater and fly, and the interior includes a snack bar and swimming pool. The story is told in jaunty rhyming couplets, but the fun really comes from the illustrations, which perfectly parody 1950s' visions of the future, as depicted in such magazines as Popular Mechanics. The car glides past neat suburban homes with wide and perfect lawns, where everything is bathed in pastels. This may appeal more to parents (or, perhaps more accurately, to grandparents) who remember these renderings of technological dream worlds. Still, children will enjoy the exuberance and goofiness of the double-page spreads, such as the close-up of the expansive snack bar, which dispenses burgers, fries, and Cheez Whip on command. Todd MorningCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Audible Audio Edition edition.

This is my favorite book to read aloud to my little guy, and I don't even mind when he picks it day after day as it is such fun to read. He loves cars so I thought he would enjoy this book and I was right. The rhyming is such fun and even my older children enjoy reading this book (to their younger brother or just to themselves) and dreaming up their own ideas of what features their car would have. If you haven't bought this book, yet I highly, highly recommend you do!

I admit that I buy Mr. Van Dusen's books mostly for the fantastic retro style illustrations. I can't get enough of them. They're totally up my alley. It's a good thing that his rhyming text is fun to read aloud too, because I have to do it often. This was a birthday gift for my four-year-old son and it was a hit. Cars, a driving robot, submarine, then a flying car! how could it not be? It didn't hurt either that Mr. Magee made a cameo. And all the kids could pick out his books on Jack's shelf... On a side-note, we happened to be passed on the highway last week by the Oscar Meyer Weinermobile and the kids were in all in a tizzy because they recognized it as a toy from the book.

My 5 year old son Loves this book and its companion "if I built a house," and has asked for it repeatedly at the library for at least the last year. The silly, over the top features of the little boy's dream vehicle really captured his imagination and his plans for his own (markedly similar) car come up in conversation regularly. In fact, he even has a quite decent Lego model, complete with swiveling robot driver and kitchen, in process right now!As a parent I'm a big fan of the

retro-futuristic illustrations and I love the easy to read aloud perfectly scanning ryhmed text. I was very happy to find the book available in paperback at a reasonable price: it will be treasured!

This review is for the book quality, not the content. The story and artwork is excellent. The book itself, not so much. Not sure if while printing the ink was still wet when they put it together but every page is warped like it got wet. I would return it but every year on my sons birthday we write a note in a book and give it to him. We neglected to actually look through the pages before writing in it. So unfortunately we can't return it.

My 7 year old son loves this book. He like 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.

One of our son's (and mine) all-time favorites. Great illustrations, story, and language. Appropriate, IMO, for children between 3 and 6 years old. Very well written. Have read it countless times as a bedtime story. Highly recommend.

I read this story to kiss in my engineering class and I loved it so much I bought it for my 3 year old daughter. She of course loves it because it is awesome.

Got this book for my 3 and 4 year old boys They read it almost every day!! Such a great imaginative book and about cars - what could be better for boys?

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