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Conversations with My Daughter I want to write a book, dad.

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T: Dad?

Dad: Yes, sweet heart.

T: Did you ever write a book?

Dad: Have I ever written a book? No. I have not.

T: But I want to write a book. - Dad, I want to write a book.

Dad: That is such a noble idea.

T: Noble! Like the noble architect. Like my T- shirt?

Dad: Yes.

T: Dad, what is noble?

Dad: Noble has more than just one meaning.

T: I mean what is a noble idea?

Dad: A noble idea is a great idea.

T: A noble architect is a great architect, dad?

Dad: Yes. A noble architect is an architect who understands his responsibilities as an architect and that makes him a great architect.

T: Oh. Can I write a book dad?

Dad: You could do anything you want to do. Sure enough, writing a book is a huge job.

T: A job?

Dad: Writing a book is a big responsibility. It's a big task; a big chore.

T: I love chores. Dad: Good. If you, actually, do write a book, you're the only five- year-old I know who wrote a book.

T: Really dad? You'll be proud of me?

Dad: I'm always proud of you. You're the smartest, the most able, the most creative, the most artistic, and the most talented person I've ever known. And, you hear it from a person who knows a lot of artists and talented people.

T: Thanks dad. I want you to be proud of me.

Dad: Okay, then. Why don't you get started? Come get me if you need help with anything.

T: Thanks, Dad. I don't need help.

Dad: Good luck!

Fifteen minutes later.

T: Dad, close your eyes.

Dad: Okay!

T: Now open your eyes. Tada!

Dad: Wow!

T: What do you think dad?

Dad: Is this it? Is this your book?

T: Yes!

Dad: Let me have a look. Where is the rest of it? There is only one page here. Wait a minute. This is the story of "Jack and The Bean Stock."

T: I wrote the story of "Jack and The Bean Stock."

Dad: I can see that you wrote the words!

T: (*proudly*) and I did the painting too!

Dad: I see. I, also, see one huge problem with this book?



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T: Oh! BIG problem?

Dad: Indeed, a very big problem; and that's Plagiarism?

T: What problem dad? Tell me, tell me.

Dad: Plagiarism, honey!

T: P L A Y G E R S E M? What is that dad?

Dad: Repeat after me sweetheart! P L A G I A R I S M. It means copying someone's work without their permission.

T: Oh!

Dad: Let us have a look at this work together. Your hand writing is great. Your painting is phenomenal. The organization of the page is great. But the story is not yours.

T: I know that.

Dad: However, you copied all this from another book. You did not write this book; someone else did.

T: I know that.

Dad: I'm so glad you know that.

T: But, I have a question dad.

Dad: Okay love. What's your question?

T: Are you proud of me?

Dad: Always and forever! You amaze me! Of course, I'm proud of you.

T: I love you dad.

Dad: Not more than I love you.

T: I love you more than you love me plus 1.

Dad: Hey! That's my line!
