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Imagine finding out your dad used to be in a rock band and performed at packed gigs, he had a Mohican hair do and rode a motor bike. You have photos to prove it, he really was cool. But now he spends his time folding the washing and doing the cleaning. What could have possibly happened to make him change so much?

Parents are likely to appreciate more quickly than child readers the major life style changes becoming a father can bring; swapping a guitar for a Hoover for example. However, we soon discover the fantastic fun it can be going to an adventure playground with dad. Maybe that's pretty cool too.

The striking and stylish illustrations together with the minimal yet thoughtful text effectively portray a young boy's observations and experiences. One detailed double page spread opens wide to reveal a panorama evoking the fun of a day out with dad. The Gibson Flying V design on the endpapers will please adult guitar buffs.

This is a clever and appealing book about the father and son relationship, the life style changes that being a parent can bring and what it means to be really cool.

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