

To Summarize: Tree House Trouble

Sam is an obstinate boy, who is fond of doing things in his own peculiar way. So is Oscar, Sam's father, who always sticks to his own way of doing things. They have maintained a pleasant father-and-son relationship until the day they plan to build the tree house.

They intend to build the tree house in their own ways. They have their own blueprints, and they won't give in to each other. Therefore, an intense quarrel arises. They keep arguing about a lot of issues: how much wood to buy, what color paint to pick, and what best tree to choose, to name only a few. With their dispute unsettled, the boards, the nails, and the paint are left in the backyard for a long time. Sam's mother tries to talk to them, but to no avail.

As Mother's Day is coming, Sam makes his mother a clay pot with flowers. Then, Sam decides to use the tree house materials to build a fancy box as a present for Father's Day. As Sam has done a terrible job on the box, he throws it in the trash instead. His father happens to see the box and tells Sam that he likes the gift. Finally, Sam and Oscar makes up and decide to resume the unfinished tree house. Sam and Oscar round off the event by agreeing to place the tree house in the oak rather than in the maple or the hackberry tree over which they have originally argued.