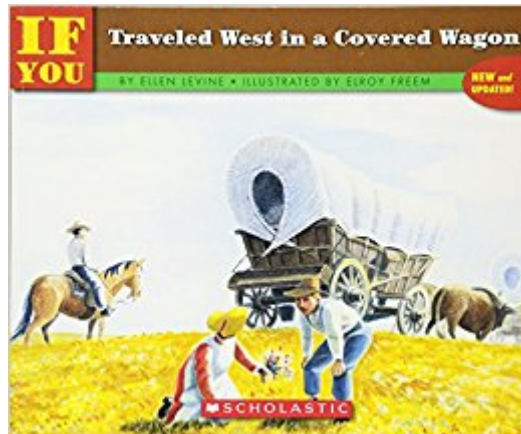




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If You Traveled West In A Covered Wagon



Synopsis

If you traveled west in a covered wagon--Would you ride in the wagon for the whole trip?--How would you cross rivers when there were no bridges?--Without road signs, how would you know where you were?This book tells you what it was like to be a pioneer and travel west to Oregon in the 1840s.

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How did people escape on the Underground Railroad? What was it like to land on Ellis Island?How did it feel to travel the Oregon Trail in a covered wagon? Ellen Levine has revealed worldsof fascinating adventure with her nonfiction books for young readers.Although Ellen Levine enjoys reading and writing fiction, most of her books for young readershave been nonfiction. "Writing nonfiction lets me in behind the scenes of the story. I enjoylearning new things and meeting new people, even if they lived 200 years ago." "Real heroes," Levine says, "aren't necessarily on TV or in the news. They can be ordinarypeople who are willing to take risks for causes they believe in. Nonfiction offers a way tointroduce young readers to real people who have shown tremendous courage, even when facedwith great danger. All of us have the potential. And one doesn't have to be a grown-up," she adds.When she's not writing, Levine

likes to share the excitement of research and the importance of accuracy with young readers.

Many young people think research is dull; you go to an encyclopedia, copy information, give it a title, and call it a report. Using her books as examples, Ellen explains how to get other, more interesting information. I may not mention the exact words, but I talk to young people about primary and secondary sources. If I'm speaking with third graders, I ask them, 'Where would I go if I wanted to find out what it's like to be a third grader?' Most will say, 'Read a book.' But when they say, 'Ask a third grader,' I know they've understood what I mean by a primary source of inspiration. For *If You Were an Animal Doctor*, for example, Ellen witnessed an emergency operation on a cow. While doing research in Wyoming for *Ready, Aim, Fire!*, her biography of Annie Oakley, she got to hold the gun Ms. Oakley is believed to have shot in the presence of the Queen of England. It gave me such a strong feeling about this person, she says.

That's part of research, too. Ellen Levine is the author of many acclaimed books, both fiction and nonfiction. Among them: *If You Traveled West in a Covered Wagon*, *If Your Name Was Changed at Ellis Island*, *I Hate English!*, *If You Lived at the Time of Martin Luther King*, and *Secret Missions*. Her recent book, *Freedom's Children: Young Civil Rights Activists Tell Their Own Stories*, was named one of the Ten Best Children's Books of the Year by The New York Times, and Best Book for Young Adults by the American Library Association. Ellen divides her time between New York City and Salem, New York.

We have enjoyed the book very much. It has given my grandchildren a new appreciation of how many hardships people faced in a covered wagon. Very educational, well written, and well worth the price. Highly recommend the book for grade school level and the vendor was great. The book arrived packed well and on time. Would buy from this vendor again!!

Good book about the Westward Expansion

Check to make sure you have all the pages. Our copy, brand new skipped from 114 to 147.

This is a great children's book that gets right to the nitty gritty with easily understood information. It also will go into a family library for future use.

Loved this. Plenty of pictures and great descriptions make history come alive. A wonderful teaching tool.

My first grade grandson has enjoyed getting more information from this book. He became so interested in the Oregon Trail when first hearing of it. It is a book he can read and it answered a lot of his questions about what it must have been like to be on that journey.

Nice book. Explains things so kids can understand.

Helpful resource for our fifth grade unit on Westward Expansion.

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