

## WESTWARD EXPANSION

### PICTURE BOOKS

**Fleming, Candace.** [\*Westward Ho, Carlotta.\*](#) (Pic Bk F)

Tired of opera houses, world-famous singer Carlotta Carusa travels to the American West, where her magnificent voice tames even the most hardened bad guys.

**Helldorfer, M.C.** [\*Hog Music.\*](#) (Pic Bk H)

When Great Aunt Liza sends Lucy a birthday gift, she gives it to a friend going west by mail coach. However, after the box falls overboard, it has an adventure, arriving through the kindness of strangers who have added gifts of their own.

**Isaacs, Anne.** [\*Swamp Angel.\*](#) (Pic Bk I)

Along with other amazing feats, Angelica Longrider, also known as Swamp Angel, wrestles a huge bear, known as Thundering Tarnation, to save the winter supplies of the settlers in Tennessee.

**Karim, Roberta.** [\*Kindle Me a Riddle: A Pioneer Story.\*](#) (Pic Bk K)

Young Constance, a pioneer girl, is upset with herself when she accidentally lets the fire go out. To cheer her up, her father makes up a riddle involving a household item. Soon the whole family joins in the riddle game.

**Kay, Verla.** [\*Covered Wagons, Bumpy Trails.\*](#) (Pic Bk K)

Mother, Father and Baby John are heading west! The fertile Sacramento Valley is calling, with its deep rivers, endless plains, blistering desert, and steep mountains.

**Kay, Verla.** [\*Gold Fever.\*](#) (Pic Bk K)

Jasper, a farmer, dreams of gold during the Gold Rush of 1849. He leaves his farm and family, but encounters only hardship on his quest. He returns home, wiser if not richer.

**Levitin, Sonia.** [\*Nine for California.\*](#) (Pic Bk L)

Amanda travels by stagecoach with her four siblings and her mother from Missouri to California to join her father.

**MacLachlan, Patricia.** [\*Three Names.\*](#) (Pic Bk M)

Great-grandfather reminisces about going to school on the prairie with his dog Three Names.

**Sanders, Scott Russell.** [\*A Place Called Freedom.\*](#) (Pic Bk S)

A young boy describes his family's 1832 move from slavery in Tennessee to a new settlement named Freedom in Indiana.

**Sanders, Scott Russell.** [\*Aurora Means Dawn.\*](#) (Pic Bk S)

After traveling from Connecticut to Ohio in 1800 to start a new life in the settlement of Aurora, the Sheldons find that they are the first family to arrive there and realize that they will be starting a new community by themselves.

**Sorensen, Henri.** [\*New Hope.\*](#) (Pic Bk S)

Whenever Jimmy visits his grandfather he asks to hear about how Great-great-great-grandfather Lars traveled with his family from Denmark to Minnesota and built a home that was the beginning of the town of New Hope.

**Stutson, Caroline.** [\*Prairie Primer: A to Z.\*](#) (Pic Bk S)

Life on the prairie is depicted in this rhyming alphabet book.

**Turner, Ann.** [\*Dakota Dugout.\*](#) (Pic Bk T)

A woman describes her experiences living with her husband in a sod house on the Dakota prairie.

**Turner, Ann.** [\*Sewing Quilts.\*](#) (Pic Bk T)

A pioneer girl sees pieces of her life sewn into the quilts she, her sister, and her mother make.

**Van Leeuwen, Jean.** [\*A Fourth of July on the Plains.\*](#) (Pic Bk V)

Young Jesse and his family are with a wagon train traveling from Indiana to Oregon when they stop to celebrate the Fourth of July, but Jesse is too young to go hunting with the men so he comes up with his own contribution to the festivities.

## I CAN READ

**Brenner, Barbara.** [\*Wagon Wheels\*](#). (ICR B)

Shortly after the Civil War, an African-American family travels to Kansas to take advantage of the free land offered through the Homestead Act.

**Bulla, Clyde Robert.** [\*Daniel's Duck\*](#). (ICR B)

Daniel decides he hates the duck he has carved until the best wood-carver in Tennessee admires it.

**Byars, Betsy.** [\*The Golly Sisters Go West\*](#). (ICR B)

May-May and Rose, the singing, dancing Golly sisters, travel west by covered wagon, entertaining people along the way.

**Coerr, Eleanor.** [\*Chang's Paper Pony\*](#). (ICR C)

In San Francisco during the 1850s gold rush, Chang, the son of Chinese immigrants, wants a pony but cannot afford one until his friend Big Pete finds a solution.

**Coerr, Eleanor.** [\*The Josefina Story Quilt\*](#). (ICR C)

While traveling west with her family in 1850, a young girl makes a patchwork quilt chronicling the experiences of the journey and reserves a special patch for her pet hen Josefina.

**Levinson, Nancy Smiler.** [\*Snowshoe Thompson\*](#). (ICR L)

One winter, John Thompson skis across the Sierra Nevada Mountains and creates a path upon which mail and people may travel, thus earning his nickname "Snowshoe Thompson."

**Welch, Catherine.** [\*Clouds of Terror\*](#). (ICR W)

Living on a farm in southwestern Minnesota in the 1870's, a brother and sister try to help their family cope with invading grasshoppers that threaten to destroy their crops

## IN-BETWEEN

**Bunting, Eve.** [\*Train to Somewhere\*](#). (IBT B8861tr)

In the late 1800s, Marianne travels westward on the Orphan Train in hopes of being placed with a caring family.

**Duffey, Betsy.** [\*Virtual Cody\*](#). (IBT D873vi)

Cody and his classmates in the third grade are having fun reporting on the origin of their names, until Cody finds out that his parents named him after a dog.

**Glass, Andrew.** [\*The Sweetwater Run\*](#). (IBT G4631sw)

Buffalo Bill Cody recounts his adventures as a teenaged rider for the Pony Express.

**Harvey, Brett.** [\*Cassie's Journey\*](#). (IBT H2628c)

A young girl relates the hardships and dangers of traveling with her family in a covered wagon from Illinois to California during the 1860's.

**Harvey, Brett.** [\*My Prairie Christmas\*](#). (IBT H2628my)

On the first Christmas after Eleanor's family moves to a house on the prairie, everyone becomes worried when Papa goes out to cut down a Christmas tree and doesn't come back.

**Harvey, Brett.** [\*My Prairie Year\*](#). (IBT H2628m)

Nine year old Eleanor describes her experiences living with her family in the Dakota territory.

**Hermes, Patricia.** [\*Westward to Home; Joshua's Diary the Oregon Trail, 1848\*](#). (IBT H4285we)

Nine year old Joshua Martin McCullough writes a journal of his family's journey from Missouri to Oregon in a covered wagon.

**Hooks, William H.** [\*Pioneer Cat\*](#). (IBT H7648pi)

When a young pioneer girl smuggles a cat aboard the wagon train taking her family from Missouri to Oregon, it turns out to be the best thing she could have done.

**Kimmel, Eric A.** [\*Charlie Drives the Stage\*](#). (IBT K5712c)

Neither avalanche, nor Indians, nor flooding river can keep a daring young stagecoach driver from delivering Senator McCorkle to the train station on time.

**Levitin, Sonia.** [\*Boom Town\*](#). (IBT L5788 bo)

After her family moves to California where her father goes to work in the gold fields, Amanda decides to make her own fortune baking pies, and she encourages others to provide the necessary services--from a general store to a school-- that enable her town to prosper.

**McLerran, Alice.** [\*The Year of the Ranch\*](#). (IBT M2261ye)

In 1919, Papa, Mama, and their four daughters homestead a tract of land near Yuma, Arizona, and try to turn a desert mesa into farmland and a shack into a home.

**Moss, Marissa.** [\*Rachel's Journal\*](#). (IBT M8447ra)

Rachel and her family make their way by covered wagon to their new home in California. Her handwritten journal chronicles each detail and features cherished mementos gathered along the way.

**Stanley, Diane.** [\*Roughing it on the Oregon Trail\*](#). (IBT St253ro)

Twins Liz and Lenny, along with their time-traveling grandmother, join a group of pioneers journeying west on the Oregon Trail in 1843.

**Thomas, Joyce Carol.** [\*I Have Heard of a Land\*](#). (IBT T3643mar)

This lyrical account of the late 1800s--when thousands of pioneers, many African-Americans newly freed from slavery, raced to the Oklahoma Territory--commemorates the strength of the African-American pioneers.

## FICTION

**Antle, Nancy.** [\*Beautiful Land\*](#). (FIC An87be)

After a two-year wait during which her mother died, twelve-year-old Annie Mae and her family join thousands of hopeful settlers as they race to claim land in the Oklahoma Territory.

**Armstrong, Jennifer.** [\*Black-eyed Susan\*](#). (FIC Ar578bl)

Ten-year-old Susie and her father love living on the South Dakota prairie with its vast, uninterrupted views of land and sky, but Susie's mother greatly misses their old life in Ohio.

**Avi.** [\*The Barn\*](#). (FIC Av511ba)

In an effort to fulfill their dying father's last request, nine-year-old Ben and his brother and sister construct a barn on their land in the Oregon Territory.

**Ayres, Katherine.** [\*Silver Dollar Girl\*](#). (FIC Ay743si)

Set during the Silver Rush of the 1880s, this story features a young girl who heads west to find her father, even though she has to disguise herself as a boy to do it.

**Beatty, Patricia.** [\*Eight Mules from Monterey\*](#). (FIC B3808ei)

During the summer of 1916, thirteen-year-old Fayette and her brother accompany their widowed mother on a mule trip into the California mountains, where she is to establish library outposts in isolated communities.

**Beatty, Patricia.** [\*The Nickel-Plated Beauty\*](#). (FIC B3808n)

The seven Kimball children sacrifice months of play to dig for clams and oysters and pick berries, so they can buy their mother a new stove.

**Brink, Carol R.** [\*Caddie Woodlawn\*](#). (FIC B7715ca)

Eleven-year-old Caddie grows up with her six brothers and sisters on the Wisconsin frontier in the mid-nineteenth century.

**Cather, Willa.** [\*My Antonia\*](#). (FIC C286My)

A successful lawyer remembers his boyhood in Nebraska and his friendship with an immigrant Bohemian girl.

**Conrad, Pam.** [\*My Daniel\*](#). (FIC C7637my)

Ellie and Stevie learn about a family legacy when their grandmother tells them stories of her brother's historical quest for dinosaur bones on their Nebraska farm.

**Conrad, Pam.** [\*Prairie Songs\*](#). (FIC C7637pr)

Louisa's life in a loving pioneer family on the Nebraska prairie is altered by the arrival of a new doctor and his beautiful, tragically frail wife.

**Cushman, Karen.** [\*The Ballad of Lucy Whipple\*](#). (Fic C9595ba)

In 1849, twelve-year-old California Morning Whipple, who renames herself Lucy, is distraught when her mother moves the family from Massachusetts to a rough California mining town.

**Cushman, Karen.** [\*Rodzina\*](#). (FIC C9595ka-ro)

One of a group of orphans, twelve-year-old Rodzina boards the orphan train out of Chicago one cold day in 1881. Fearing the worst from the ordeal, she cleverly finds her way out of one bad situation after another.

**Duey, Kathleen.** [\*Death Valley: California, 1849\*](#). (FIC D8687 de)

A brother and sister struggle to survive the rigors of Death Valley after their wagon breaks an axle and they set out alone to find help for their stranded family and injured father.

**Fleischman, Paul.** [\*The Borning Room\*](#). (FIC F62826bo)

Lying at the end of her life in the room where she was born in 1851, Georgina remembers what it was like to grow up on the Ohio frontier.

**Fleischman, Sid.** [\*Bandit's Moon\*](#). (FIC F62826ba)

Twelve-year-old Annyrose relates her adventures with Joaqu  n Murieta and his band of outlaws in the California gold-mining region during the mid-1800s.

**Fleischman, Sid.** [\*By the Great Horn Spoon\*](#). (FIC F62826b)

The year is 1849. Young Jack Flagg sets out to recoup his Aunt Arabella's fortune on a ship bound from Boston to the California gold fields. Thus begin the wild, swashbuckling adventures of a determined 12-year-old and his intrepid butler.

**Gregory, Kristiana.** [\*Across the Wide and Lonesome Prairie: The Oregon Trail Diary of Hattie Campbell\*](#). (FIC G86244ac)

In her diary, thirteen-year-old Hattie chronicles her family's arduous 1847 journey from Missouri to Oregon on the Oregon Trail.

**Gregory, Kristiana.** [\*The Great Railroad Race: The Diary of Libby West\*](#). (FIC G86244gr)

As the daughter of a newspaper reporter, fourteen-year-old Libby keeps a diary account of the exciting events surrounding her during the building of the railroad in the West in 1868.

**Gregory, Kristiana.** [\*Jenny of the Tetons\*](#). (FIC G86244Je)

Orphaned by an Indian raid while traveling West with a wagon train, fifteen-year-old Carrie Hill is befriended by the English trapper Beaver Dick, and is taken to live with his Indian wife Jenny and their six children.

**Gregory, Kristiana.** [\*The Legend of Jimmy Spoon\*](#). (FIC G86244le)

The adventures of a young white boy living among the Shoshoni Indians during the early frontier days.

**Gregory, Kristiana.** [\*Seeds of Hope: The Gold Rush Diary of Susanna Fairchild\*](#). (FIC G86244se)

A diary account of fourteen-year-old Susanna Fairchild's life in 1849, when her father succumbs to gold fever on the way to establish his medical practice in Oregon after losing his wife and money on their steamship journey from New York.

**Hermes, Patricia.** [\*A Perfect Place\*](#). (FIC 2485pe)

Late in 1848, nine-year-old Joshua McCullough starts a second journal, this time recording events in Willamette Valley, Oregon Territory, as his family and others they met on the trail begin to get settled.

**Hite, Sid.** [\*Stick and Whittle\*](#). (TEEN FIC H6378st)

In 1872, while journeying from Texas to Kansas, a Civil War veteran named Melvin meets a sixteen-year-old orphan, another Melvin, and they give each other nicknames and become partners and traveling companions on an exciting adventure.

**Holm, Jennifer.** [\*Boston Jane\*](#). (FIC H7305bo)

Jennifer Peck, a young lady from Philadelphia, ventures to the Northwest to wed her true love William Baldt. However, Jennifer's proper upbringing does not prepare her for the adventures she finds in the Washington Territory.

- Hulme, Joy N.** [\*Through the Open Door.\*](#) (FIC H8784th)  
 Nine-year-old Dora, who has been kept out of school because of her speech impediment, dreams of learning to speak normally as her family joins a group of other Mormons journeying from Utah to New Mexico in 1910.
- Joose, Barbara.** [\*Lewis and Papa: An Adventure on the Santa Fe Trail.\*](#) (FIC J7415Le)  
 While accompanying his father on the wagon train along the Santa Fe Trail, Lewis discovers what it is to be a man.
- Karr, Kathleen.** [\*Oregon, Sweet Oregon.\*](#) (FIC K1485OR)  
 As her family and other members of the Petticoat Party settle into their new lives in the Oregon Territory, thirteen-year-old Phoebe Brown yearns for more of the freedoms she had experienced on the difficult cross-country journey.
- Karr, Kathleen.** [\*Phoebe's Folly.\*](#) (FIC K1485pf)  
 Now armed with rifles, the self-reliant women of the Petticoat Party wagon train continue their journey to Oregon City and face more challenges, including a shooting contest with a band of Snake Indians.
- Laurgaard, Rachel.** [\*Patty Reed's Doll.\*](#) (FIC L374)  
 Follow the trail of the Donner party as seen through the eyes of a little girl's doll.
- Lawlor, Laurie.** [\*Addie Across the Prairie.\*](#) (FIC L4272A)  
 Unhappy to leave her home and friends, Addie reluctantly accompanies her family to the Dakota Territory and slowly begins to adjust to life on the prairie.
- Leland, Dorothy Kupcha.** [\*Sallie Fox: The Story of a Pioneer Girl.\*](#) (FIC L5383sa)  
 An account of twelve-year-old Sallie Fox's journey in 1858 from Iowa to California in a covered wagon.
- Love, Anne.** [\*Bess's Log Cabin Quilt.\*](#) (FIC L9413be)  
 With her father away and her mother ill with fever, ten-year-old Bess works hard on a log cabin quilt to save the family farm.
- Love, Anne.** [\*Dakota Spring.\*](#) (FIC L9413da)  
 Caroline and Jess struggle to get along with their prim grandmother, who has come to their prairie home to help take care of them while their father recovers from an accident.
- Love, Ann.** [\*A Year without Rain.\*](#) (FIC L7413ya)  
 Her mother's death and a year-long drought have made life difficult for twelve-year-old Rachel and her family. But, when she learns that her father plans to get married again, it's almost more than she can bear.
- McCaughrean, Geraldine.** [\*Stop the Train!\*](#) (FIC M1278ge-st)  
 Despite the opposition of the owner of the Red Rock Runner railroad in 1893, the new settlers of Florence, Oklahoma, are determined to build a real town.
- MacLachlan, Patricia.** [\*Sarah, Plain and Tall.\*](#) (FIC M2208S)  
 When their father invites a mail-order bride to live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.
- MacLachlan, Patricia.** [\*Skylark.\*](#) (FIC M2208sk)  
 When a drought tests the commitment of a mail-order bride from Maine to her new home on the prairie, her stepchildren hope they will be able to remain a family.
- Moeri, Louise.** [\*Save Queen of Sheba.\*](#) (FIC M7225sa)  
 After miraculously surviving a Sioux Indian raid on the trail to Oregon, a brother and sister set out with few provisions to find the rest of the settlers.
- Morrow, Honore.** [\*On to Oregon!\*](#) (FIC M83487o)  
 Based on an actual mid-nineteenth century journey, seven children travel two thousand miles of wilderness and hardship from Missouri to Oregon by covered wagon.
- Murphy, Jim.** [\*West to a Land of Plenty: The Diary of Teresa Angelino Viscardi.\*](#) (M95435 we)  
 While traveling in 1883 with her Italian American family (including a meddlesome little sister) and other immigrant pioneers to a utopian community in Idaho, fourteen-year-old Teresa keeps a diary of her experiences along the way.

- Nixon, Joan Lowery.** [\*The Orphan Train Quartet\*](#) (series). (FIC N6545)  
When their mother can no longer support them, six siblings are sent by the Children's Aid Society of New York City to live with farm families in Missouri in 1860.
- O'Dell, Scott.** [\*Streams to the River, Streams to the Sea\*](#). (FIC Od27st)  
A young Indian woman, accompanied by her infant and her cruel husband, experiences joy and heartbreak when she joins the Lewis and Clark Expedition seeking a way to the Pacific.
- O'Dell, Scott.** [\*Thunder Rolling in the Mountains\*](#). (FIC Od27th)  
In the late nineteenth century, a young Nez Perce girl relates how her people were driven off their land by the U.S. Army and forced to retreat north until their eventual surrender.
- O'Dell, Scott.** [\*Zia\*](#). (FIC Od27z)  
A young Indian girl, Zia, caught between the traditional world of her mother and the present world of the Mission, is helped by her aunt Karana.
- Patrick, Denise Lewis.** [\*The Longest Ride\*](#). (TEEN FIC P2753Lo)  
Midnight Son, a courageous young cowboy freed from the yoke of slavery, comes upon a vulnerable Indian village. He must delay his search for his family to help his new Indian friends in the last days of the Civil War.
- Paulsen, Gary.** [\*Mr. Tucket\*](#). (FIC P2853mt)  
In 1848, while on a wagon train headed for Oregon, fourteen-year-old Francis Tucket is kidnapped by Pawnee Indians and then falls in with a one-armed trapper who teaches him how to live in the wild.
- Paulsen, Gary.** [\*Call Me Francis Tucket\*](#). (FIC P2853cal)  
Having separated from the one-armed trapper who taught him how to survive in the wilderness of the Old West, fifteen-year-old Francis gets lost and continues to have adventures involving dangerous men and a friendly mule.
- Philbrick, Rodman.** [\*The Journal of Douglas Allen Deeds: The Donner Party Expedition, 1946\*](#). (FIC P5342jo)  
Douglas Deeds, a fifteen-year-old orphan, keeps a journal of his travels by wagon train as a member of the ill-fated Donner Party, which became stranded in the Sierra Nevada mountains in the winter of 1846-47.
- Turner, Ann Warren.** [\*Grasshopper Summer\*](#). (FIC T5813gr)  
In 1874, eleven-year-old Sam and his family move from Kentucky to the southern Dakota Territory where harsh conditions and a plague of hungry grasshoppers threaten their chances for survival.
- Van Leeuwen, Jean.** [\*Bound for Oregon\*](#). (FIC V3245bo)  
A fictionalized account of the true life journey made by nine-year-old Mary Ellen Todd and her family from their home in Arkansas westward over the Oregon Trail in 1852.
- Van Leeuwen, Jean.** [\*Nothing Here But Trees\*](#). (FIC V3245no)  
A close-knit pioneer family carves out a new home amidst the densely forested land of Ohio in the early nineteenth century.
- Wilder, Laura Ingalls.** [\*Little House on the Prairie\*](#) (series). (FIC W6451)  
A family travels from the big woods of Wisconsin to a new home on the prairie, where they build a house, meet neighboring Indians, build a well, and fight a prairie fire.
- Woodruff, Elvira.** [\*Dear Levi: Letters from the Overland Trail\*](#). (Fic W8616d)  
Twelve-year-old Austin Ives writes letters to his younger brother describing his three-thousand-mile journey from their home in Pennsylvania to Oregon in 1851.
- Yep, Laurence.** [\*Dragon's Gate\*](#). (FIC Y437dsg)  
In rural China in 1865, 14-year-old Otter eagerly sails to California to join his father and legendary uncle on the transcontinental railroad. On a freezing, snow-filled mountain in the Sierras, Otter begins his harrowing journey toward self-knowledge.
- Yep, Laurence.** [\*The Journal of Wong Ming-Chung: A Chinese Miner\*](#). (FIC Y437jo)  
A young Chinese boy nicknamed Runt records his experiences in a journal as he travels from southern China to California in 1852 to join his uncle during the Gold Rush.

## NON-FICTION

**Stanley, Jerry.** [\*Children of the Dust Bowl\*](#). (371.9675 St25c)

Describes the plight of the migrant workers who traveled from the Dust Bowl to California during the Depression and were forced to live in a federal labor camp.

**Erdosh, George.** [\*Food and Recipes of the Westward Expansion\*](#). (641.5973 Er29w)

Combines the story of the pioneers with recipes and the history of food from the opening and development of the American West.

**Silverman, Jerry.** [\*Singing our Way West: Songs and Stories of America's Westward Expansion\*](#). (782.42162 Si39)

Interweaves the history of America's territorial expansion with songs.

**Stewart, George R.** [\*The Pioneers Go West\*](#). (917.8 St49pi)

Relates the hardships encountered by a group of pioneers travelling by covered wagon from Iowa to California in 1844.

**Wadsworth, Ginger.** [\*Along the Santa Fe Trail: Marion Russell's Own Story\*](#). (917.8 W119a)

In 1852, seven-year-old Marion Sloan travels with her mother and older brother in wagon train along the Santa Fe Trail, experiencing both hardship and wonder.

**Wilder, Laura Ingalls.** [\*On the Way Home: The Diary of a Trip from South Dakota to Mansfield, Missouri, in 1894\*](#). (917.8 W64)

The diary kept by the author of *LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE* during her family's journey from South Dakota to Missouri describes the sights and events that they encounter along the frontier during their trip.

**Burt, Olive Woolley.** [\*Young Wayfarers of the Early West\*](#). (920.078 B95)

Brief biographies of teenagers who made contributions to the development of the American West.

**Alter, Judy.** [\*Extraordinary Women of the American West\*](#). (920.72 AL79e)

Chronicles the exploits and achievements of more than fifty women in the past and present of America's West.

**Krohn, Katherine.** [\*Women of the Wild West\*](#). (920.72 K916w)

Presents brief biographies of six women whose exploits in the American West made them famous: Calamity Jane, Molly Brown, Belle Star, Pearl Hart, and Annie Oakley.

**Glass, Andrew.** [\*Bad Guys: True Stories of Legendary Gunslingers, Sidewinders, Fourflushers, Drygulchers, Bushwhackers, Freebooters, and Down-right Bad Guys and Gals of the Wild West\*](#). (923.41 G463b)

Relates the exploits of several famous outlaws in frontier America such as Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane, and Doc Holliday.

**Anderson, Joan.** [\*Joshua's Westward Journal\*](#). (977.303 An23j)

In 1836, Joshua and his family travel as pioneers into Illinois, where they survive disastrous hardships to establish a prosperous farm of their own.

**Alter, Judith.** [\*Growing Up in the Old West\*](#). (978 A179g)

Describes the hardships, threats, chores, games, amusements, and challenges that made growing up in the Old West a dangerous but exciting experience.

**Bjorklund, Lorence.** [\*Faces of the Frontier\*](#). (978 B556f)

Portraits in word and pencil, describing typical characters who followed the American Frontier westward.

**Duncan, Dayton.** [\*People of the West\*](#). (978 D912pe)

Tells the stories of fifteen men and women whose individual experiences provide a representative picture of life during the formative years of the American West.

**Brown, Dee.** [\*Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West\*](#). (978 Eh89)

Traces the white man's conquest of the Indians of the American West, emphasizing the causes, events, and effects of the major Indian Wars leading to the symbolic end of Indian freedom at Wounded Knee.

- Geisert, Bonnie.** [\*Prairie Town.\*](#) (978 G277p)  
Describes a year in the life of a prairie town including the effect of seasons and of economics on the ebb and flow of this agricultural community.
- Gibbons, Gail.** [\*Yippee-Yay! A Book about Cowboys and Cowgirls.\*](#) (978 G352y)  
Explains and illustrates the equipment, work and lifestyle of cowboys and cowgirls in the Old West.
- Hatt, Christine.** [\*The American West: Native Americans, Pioneers and Settlers.\*](#) (978 H287)  
Surveys the settling of the American West, using excerpts from contemporary sources to highlight the original Native American inhabitants, the arrival of fur traders, the Gold Rush, Mormon migrations, the growth of cattle-ranching, and more.
- Lawlor, Laurie.** [\*Window on the West: The Frontier Photography of William Henry Jackson.\*](#) (978 L427wi)  
Presents the photographs taken by William Henry Jackson from 1869 to 1893, discussing his life and how his work captured and introduced the American West to the public.
- Levine, Ellen.** [\*If You Traveled West in a Covered Wagon.\*](#) (978 L5781)  
Explains what it was like to travel and live in a covered wagon as a pioneer on the way to Oregon.
- Martini, Teri.** [\*Cowboys.\*](#) (978 M365c)  
Briefly describes the clothing cowboys wear; their duties on the ranch, range, and roundup; and their recreation at rodeos.
- Bloch, Louis M. Jr.** [\*Overland to California in 1859: A Guide for Wagon Train Travelers.\*](#) (978 Ov2)  
A description of the journey to California with actual quotations from The Prairie Traveler, Captain Marcy's handbook for overland expeditions.
- Pelta, Kathy.** [\*Cattle Trails: Git along Little Dogies.\*](#) (978 P368c)  
Explores the years when cowboys drove cattle to market.
- Sandler, Martin W.** [\*Cowboys: A Library of Congress Book.\*](#) (978 Sa56c)  
With over 100 vintage photographs, posters, and paintings from the archives of the Library of Congress, often called "the storehouse of the national memory," here is the story of the real American cowboy--and the legends.
- Sandler, Martin W.** [\*Pioneers: A Library of Congress Book.\*](#) (978 Sa56p)  
An overview, in text and illustrations, of the pioneer experience in the American West, from the first settlers through the development of towns.
- Schlissel, Lillian.** [\*Black Frontiers: A History of African American Heroes in the Old West.\*](#) (978.004 Sch39b)  
Unrecognized pioneers who developed black communities and lived and worked side by side with white frontiersmen.
- Miller, Robert.** [\*Reflections of a Black Cowboy\*](#) (series). (978.00496 M617r)  
The hair-raising and often hilarious adventures of America's wild West heroes have delighted young readers for generations. Now, in Reflections of a Black Cowboy, master storyteller Robert Miller adds a whole new dimension to our folklore and our history with his stories of the old West.
- Katz, William Loren.** [\*Black Women of the Old West.\*](#) (978.00496 N159b)  
This is a unique focus on black women of the West. Many forged lives as pioneers, ranchers and even store owners: 100 archival photos and old clippings serve as the foundation for an in-depth probe of how these pioneering women helped settle the country.
- Stovall, TaRessa.** [\*The Buffalo Soldiers.\*](#) (978.00496 St76b)  
An account of the achievements of the Afro-American Army regiments that distinguished themselves during numerous campaigns and played a vital role in the settlement of the American West.
- Wright, Courtni C.** [\*Wagon Train: A Family Goes West in 1865.\*](#) (978.00496 W931w)  
Details the experiences and hardships faced by Ginny, a young African American girl, and her family as they travel west from Virginia to California in 1865. Unwelcome on the big wagon trains departing from Independence, Missouri, Ginny's family must form its own group of newly freed friends and relatives. They endure snakebites, drought, broken wagon wheels, extreme temperatures, and treacherous mountains before finally reaching California.

- Freedman, Russell.** [\*Buffalo Hunt\*](#). (978.00497 F875bu)  
Examines the importance of the buffalo in the lore and day-to-day life of the Indian tribes of the Great Plains and describes hunting methods and the uses found for each part of the animal that could not be eaten.
- Ketchum, Liza.** [\*Into a New Country: Eight Remarkable Women of the West\*](#). (978.0082 K497I)  
Representing a range of cultures, periods, and places of settlement, these stories spotlight the experiences of Western women who broke the mold of farmer's, rancher's, or shopkeeper's wife.
- Scott, Ann Herbert.** [\*Cowboy Country\*](#). (978.00922 Sco84c)  
An "old buckaroo" tells how he became a cowboy, what the work was like, and how it has changed.
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