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## United States Historical Fiction *Frontier & Pioneer Novels*

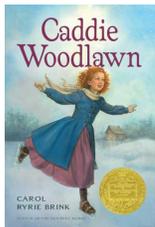
for  
Middle Readers  
9-12 years old

### **The Cabin Faced West** by *Jean Fritz*

When young Ann Hamilton moves west from Pennsylvania she feels lonely and wishes to return to Gettysburg until a stranger changes everything.

### **Cabin on Trouble Creek** by *Jean Van Leeuwen*

Two young boys journey from Pennsylvania to Ohio with their father to claim and clear land in 1803. The boys are left to guard the claim when their father returns to Pennsylvania to retrieve the rest of the family.



### **Caddie Woodlawn** by *Carol Ryrie Brink*

Caddie enjoys being outside with her brothers although her mother would prefer that she learn to be a proper lady in this story set on the Wisconsin frontier in the 1860s.

### **The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate** by *Jacqueline Kelly*

Living in rural Texas in 1899, Calpurnia is not interested in learning about household chores – she loves being outside. It is while out exploring nature with her grandfather that they make an amazing discovery – a new species of plant.

### **The Great Turkey Walk** by *Kathleen Karr*

A fifteen-year-old boy accepts the challenge to herd an enormous flock of turkeys from eastern Missouri to Denver in 1860 leading to many adventures.

### **Hattie Big Sky** by *Kirby Larson*

Sixteen-year-old orphan, Hattie, moves from Iowa to Montana in the early 20th-century and struggles to keep the homesteading claim she has inherited from her uncle.



### **Indian Captive: The Story of Mary Jemison** by *Lois Lenski*

Based on a true story, a twelve-year-old white girl, captured by a group of Native Americans, lives with them during the French and Indian War.



### **Journey to Nowhere** by *Mary Jane Auch*

While traveling by covered wagon, Mem becomes separated from her family and experiences the vast wilderness of early nineteenth-century New York.

### **The Little House in the Big Woods** by *Laura Ingalls Wilder*

The experiences and adventures of a pioneer family – the Ingalls – living in Wisconsin in the late 1800s.

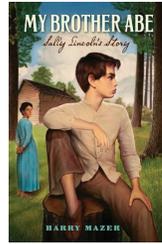
### **The Misadventures of Maude March, or, Trouble Rides a Fast Horse** by *Audrey Coulombis*

When two sisters are orphaned for the second time, they leave Iowa and head west in search of their uncle and a new life.



### **May B: A Novel** by *Caroline Starr Rose*

When hard times come for May's family in late nineteenth century Kansas, she is sent off to help a young couple with their household and instead finds herself fighting for survival.



### **My Brother Abe: Sally Lincoln's Story** by *Harry Mazer*

Sally Lincoln tells about her family's move from Kentucky to the Indiana Territory after the death of her mother and how she took care of her brother, Abe Lincoln.

### **My Darlin' Clementine** by *Kristiana Gregory*

In 1860s Idaho Territory, Clementine dreams of becoming a doctor while dealing with the reality of her family life with a drunken father in a time when women were not given the opportunity to be doctors.

### **Old Yeller** by *Fred Gipson*

A young boy's dream of having a dog comes true when a stray, yellow dog shows up at his frontier home in Texas.

### **Our Only May Amelia** by *Jennifer Holm*

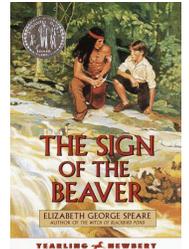
Twelve-year-old May gets into all sorts of trouble while living with her parents and seven brothers in the wilderness of Washington at the very end of the nineteenth century.

### **Sarah, Plain and Tall** by *Patricia MacLachlan*

Anna and Caleb's mother died the day Caleb was born. Several years later, their father places an ad for a mail-order bride to come and live with them on the prairie, which brings a woman from Maine named Sarah.

### **The Sign of the Beaver** by *Elizabeth George Speare*

Thirteen-year-old Matt develops a friendship with a Native American boy and learns about Native American culture when he is left on his own to guard his family's new home in the Maine wilderness.

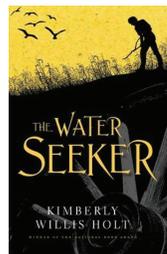


### **Stop the Train!: A Novel** by *Geraldine McCaughrean*

A prairie town's only chance for survival is to have the train stop there even though the townspeople have angered the train's owner in this humorous tale of an Oklahoma town in the late-nineteenth century.

### **Trouble River** by *Betsy Byars*

Twelve-year-old Dewey builds a fine wooden raft, which he and his grandmother later use to escape Indians who threaten them in their secluded prairie home.



### **The Water Seeker** by *Kimberly Willis Holt*

Amos is raised in the mid-west by a variety of family members after his mother dies and his father is away working, until his father returns and they travel on the Oregon Trail in search of a new life.

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