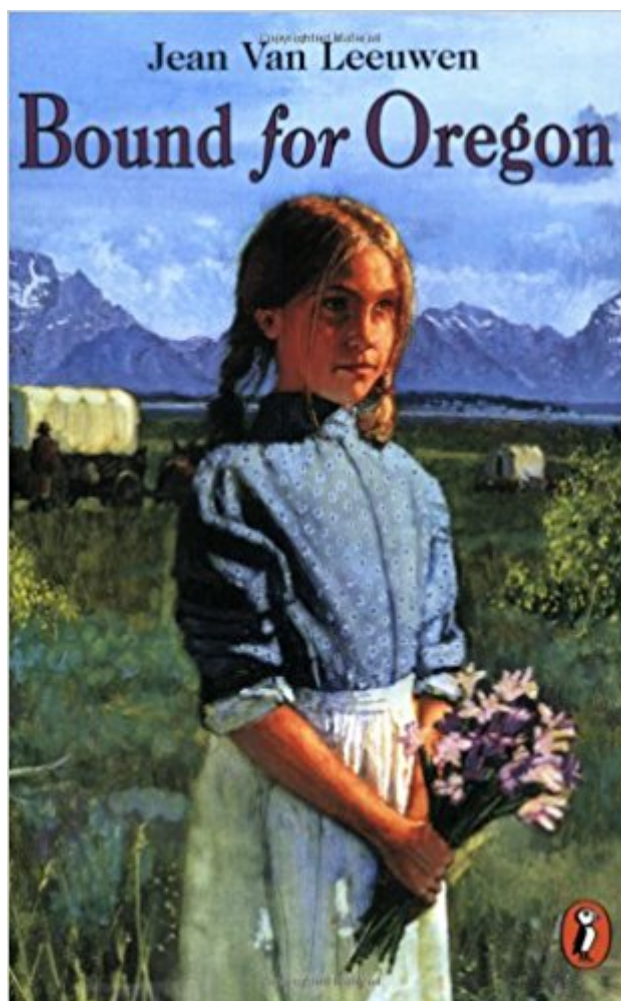


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# Bound For Oregon



## Synopsis

"Basing her story on the published accounts of her true-life heroine, Mary Ellen Todd, Van Leeuwen describes a family's tumultuous journey along the Oregon Trail in 1852." --Publishers Weekly  
With only a guide book to show them the way, the Todd family sets out from their Arkansas home on a two thousand mile trek to claim unchartered Oregon Territory. Crossing rough terrain and encountering hostile people, the Todds show their true pioneering spirit. But as winter draws near, will the Todds have the strength to complete their journey? And if they make it, will Oregon fulfill their dreams?

—This is a convincing picture of a pioneer journey that does a good job of showing the tremendous sacrifices people made to follow their dream of a better life.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

In a starred review of this fact-based tale of nine-year-old Mary Ellen and her family's dramatic 1852 journey along the Oregon Trail, PW said, "The contrast between the tenderness of Mary Ellen's perceptions and the hardships of the frontier is deeply moving." Ages 8-12. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Grade 4-6-Adding details about events and people to an account of Mary Ellen Todd's 2,000-mile trek from Arkansas to Oregon in the 1850s as written down by Todd's daughter, Van Leeuwen has created a historical novel told in the voice of a 10-year-old child. The story begins with the preparations and the difficulty of leaving home and family. It chronicles the hardships the family encountered: raging rivers to cross, bad weather, sickness and death, limited food, and the constant push to beat the first snows of winter. There are also small pleasures, including the birth of a brother. Readers will see how choices made often make the difference between success or failure, life or death. Characterizations are well done, showing the varying personalities of people on the trail. For example, the determination and faith of the father are shown consistently as the basis for his actions. This is a convincing picture of a pioneer journey that does a good job of showing the tremendous sacrifices people made to follow their dream of a better life. Jane Gardner Connor, South Carolina State Library, Columbia Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Good book! Used as a read aloud for my children's US History homeschool class (Notgrass History) as it was recommended literature. It is very much like Little House on the Prairie, but had many different experiences as it was the trail to Oregon. My kids absolutely loved it. I was surprised that it even held the four year old's attention. Good book!

My 10 year old son read this for school. He liked how they went to Oregon and started out. He really enjoyed the book, and things other kids his age should read it also.

This is a good book for elementary students to understand a family's life on their way to Oregon in a covered wagon.

Overall, a lovely story. Based on a girl's real-life experiences, the fictional account is easy to read and well-crafted. I enjoyed it, and I'm in my 50s!

Spellbinding for young readers

This was a great book for a short read. I enjoy books on homesteading and this is a good bedside read.

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Great book!

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