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The Josefina Story Quilt (I Can Read Level 3)



Synopsis

California, here we come! Faith's Pa says there's no room on a wagon train for Josefina, a chicken who's too tough to eat and too old to lay eggs. But Faith loves her pet. Can Josefina show Pa that she still has a few surprises left in her?

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Customer Reviews

Gr 1-3 "In the spring of 1850, Faith's family begins their journey to California in a covered wagon. Her pet hen, Josefina, is too old to lay eggs and too tough to eat, keeps her company and shares the hardships on the way. As their wagon crosses a wide river, it lurches, Faith loses her hold on Josefina, and the current nearly sweeps the hen away. Crossing the desert with little food or water, Faith will not trade her pet to the Indians. Later when robbers creep into camp late at night, Josefina squawks loudly. Pa calls her a humdinger of a watchdog, but the excitement is too much for the old hen. Faith's brother buries her beneath a pine tree on the trail, and the heartbroken little girl makes a pine tree patch to remember. Reaching California, Ma helps Faith put together all the patchwork pieces she has made, and the child sleeps under her Josefina story quilt. An author's note gives historical details and explains the importance of quilts as family diaries. Eleanor Coerr's

beginning-to-read adventure (HarperCollins, 1986) captures the perils and heartaches of the westward journey. Christina Moore's narration does full credit to the emotional content of the story. Sound effects such as banjo music, spring rain, and coyotes howling add to the telling. Page-turn signals are optional. Reminiscent of the Little House on the Prairie books, youngsters will enjoy Josefina's story. Mary Jean Smith, Southside Elementary School, Lebanon, TN © Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Eleanor Coerr is the author of many books for young readers, including *The Big Balloon Race*, a Reading Rainbow book, *Chang's Paper Pony*, and *The Josefina Story Quilt*, a Notable Children's Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies. Bruce Degen is the bestselling author and illustrator of the beloved, perennial favorite *Jamberry* and numerous award-winning books for children. He is the author and illustrator of *Daddy Is a Doodlebug* and *Sailaway Home* as well as the illustrator of the highly acclaimed *Magic School Bus* series by Joanna Cole; the ever-popular *Jesse Bear* books by Nancy White Carlstrom; *Jazzmatazz!* by Stephanie Calmenson; and *Shirley's Wonderful Baby* by Valiska Gregory (available at your local library). Bruce Degen's involvement with art has ranged from painting and printmaking to teaching art in New York City schools and directing an artists' lithography studio in Israel. Mr. Degen studied art at the Cooper Union and Pratt Institute. He was born in Brooklyn, New York "just like Charlie Muttnik" and now lives with his family in Connecticut.

My 7 1/2 year old boy just adores this book. He takes it everywhere with him. He reads it every night. And he did a book report on it. It's a pleasant tale of brave pioneers heading west. I cannot imagine the difficulties those people faced. The book touches upon all of that, though in an age appropriate way, providing the springboard for family discussion about many interesting topics. I highly recommend this book!

As described -- fast shipping -- thank you!!

I love this little book. It's the story of a family moving west. Faith wants to take her pet hen, Josefina, but her father doesn't want the trouble of bringing along a hen that no longer lays eggs. Faith finally gets her way, and the hen causes all kinds of trouble, but ends up redeeming herself. The reading level is perfect for second graders. There are short chapters and the excitement is high. Who knew

a hen could cause such adventures? Each chapter has a quilt block to go with it. Faith works on the quilt blocks as they travel and each block tells a story about part of the journey. In the end they sew the blocks together to make a Josefina story quilt. I use this along with books such as The Quilt Story by Tomie dePaola and Patricia Polacco's The Keeping Quilt during a unit on quilts. All of my students enjoy this one!

I teach 2nd grade and this story is perfect. We will use it over and over again.

Cute book

This was a school choice. My daughter loved the book and made an A on her test.

This is a lovely story and is the second book I've bought because we wore the first copy out!

Sweet story

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