

# Way Over Yonder

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Grades:  
K-2

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### More Great Books for Your Pioneering Readers to Explore

*Annie Oakley Saves the Day* by Anna DiVito. Aladdin, 2004. While their father is away, young Annie Oakley and her brother John help their mother during a blizzard.

*Dandelions* by Eve Bunting. Voyager Books, 1995. Zoe and her family find new strength in each other as they make a new home in the Nebraska territory.

*Davy Crockett* retold by Dane Brimner. Compass Point Books, 2004. A colorful version of the tale of Davy Crockett's life; the back of the book has a recipe, facts, a glossary, and information relating to parks and historical information.

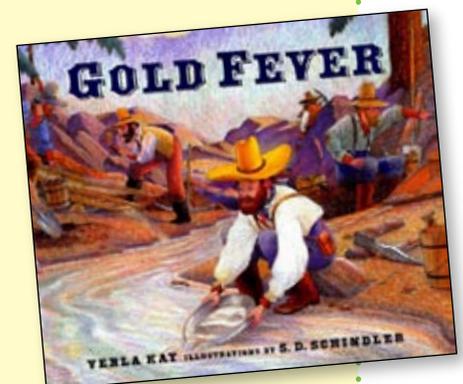
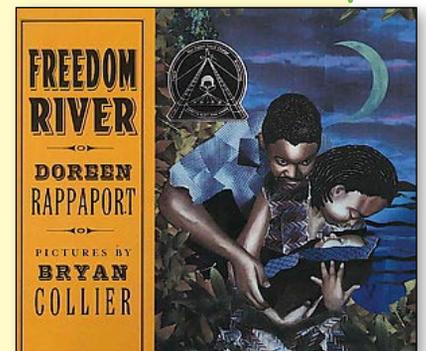
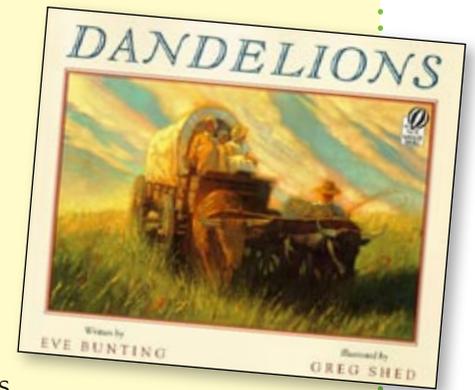
*The Deer in the Wood (My First Little House Books)* by Laura Ingalls Wilder (Adaptation). HarperCollins, 1995. A pioneer father tells his two small daughters why he was unable to shoot a deer for their dinner.

*Freedom River* by Doreen Rappaport. Hyperion Books for Children, 2000. Describes an incident in the life of John Parker, an ex-slave who became a successful businessman in Ripley, Ohio, and who repeatedly risked his life to help other slaves escape to freedom.

*Going West (My First Little House series)* Adaptations from The Little House Books by Laura Ingalls Wilder. HarperCollins, 1996. A young pioneer girl and her family prepare to leave the big woods of Wisconsin and travel west in their covered wagon.

*Gold Fever* by Verla Kay. Putnam, 1999. In this brief rhyming story set during the gold rush, Jasper leaves his family and farm to pursue his dream of finding gold.

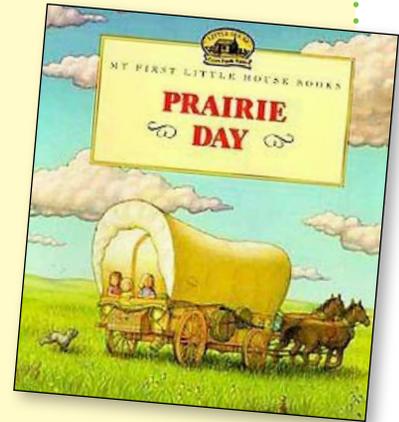
*Homespun Sarah* by Verla Kay. Putnam, 2003. Simple rhyming text presents the everyday life of a young girl living on a Pennsylvania farm in the early eighteenth century, who is quickly outgrowing her dress.



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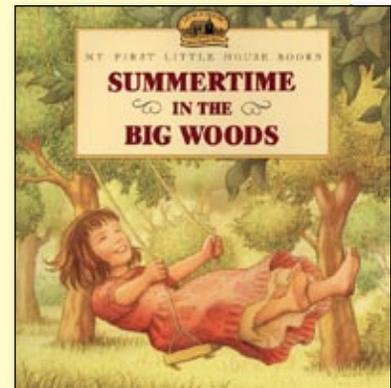
*The Last Polar Bears* by Harry Horse. Peachtree Publishers, 2007. Letters from Grandfather, who has gone on an expedition with his little dog Roo, to find the last polar bears at the North Pole. This would be a great book to read in parts to help expand an explorer unit.

*Prairie Day* (*My First Little House series*) Adaptations from *The Little House Books* by Laura Ingalls Wilder. HarperCollins, 1996. A little girl and her pioneer family travel westward to find a new home on the prairie.



*Rough, Tough Charlie* by Verla Kay. Tricycle Press, 2007. Charlie Parkhurst lived in the old West, loved horses more than people, wore blue gloves, was a respected stagecoach driver, and had a secret.

*Squirrel and John Muir* by Emily Arnold McCully. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2004. In the 1860s, a wild little girl nicknamed Squirrel meets John Muir, later to become a famous naturalist, when he arrives at her parents' hotel in Yosemite Valley seeking work and knowledge about the natural world.



*Summertime in the Big Woods* (*My First Little House series*) Adaptations from *The Little House Books* by Laura Ingalls Wilder. HarperCollins, 1996. A little girl and her pioneer family spend a summer in the Big Woods of Wisconsin.

*Wagon Wheels* by Barbara Brenner. HarperCollins, 1978 (*I Can Read* chapter book). Shortly after the Civil War a black family travels to Kansas to take advantage of the free land offered through the Homestead Act.

*What Do You Know About Westward Expansion?* by Lynn George. Rosen Books, 2008. Presented in a twenty-questions format, this book gives simple and quick facts about the expansion of the United States and includes a glossary.

