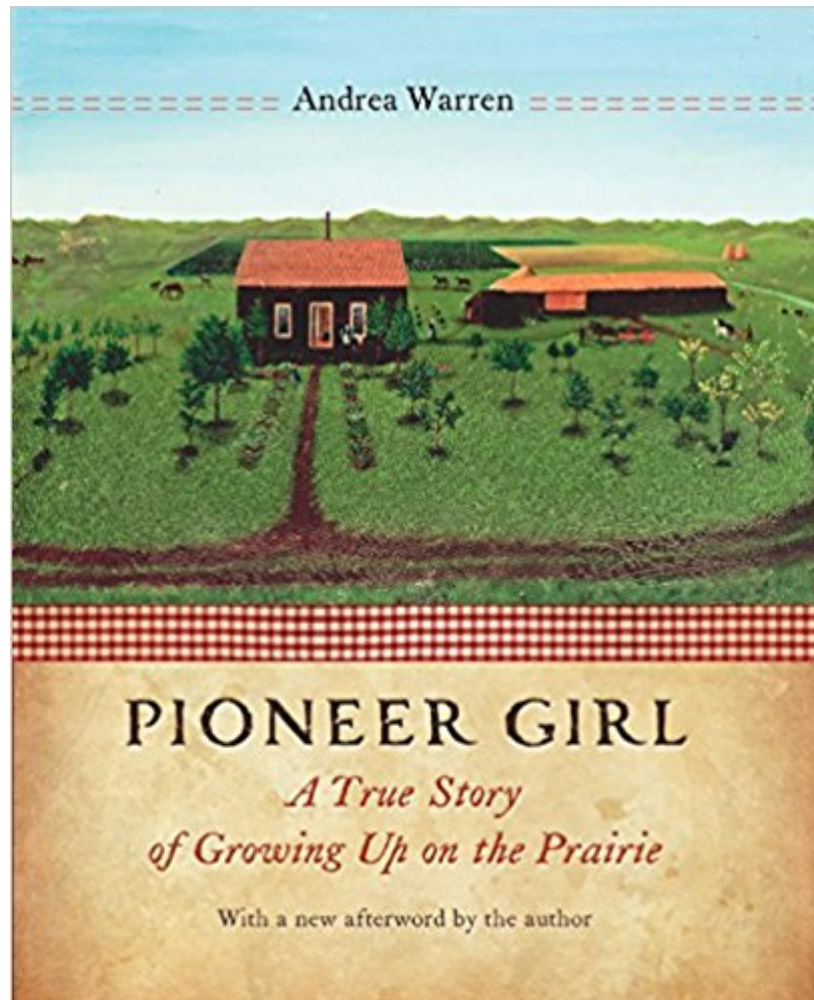




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# Pioneer Girl: A True Story Of Growing Up On The Prairie



## Synopsis

Pioneer Girl is the true story of Grace McCance Snyder. In 1885, when Grace was three, she and her family became homesteaders on the windswept prairie of central Nebraska. They settled into a small sod house and hauled their water in barrels. Together they endured violent storms, drought, blizzards, and prairie fires. Despite the hardships and dangers, Grace loved her life on the prairie. Weaving Grace's story into the history of America's heartland, award-winning author Andrea Warren writes not just of one spirited girl but of all the children who homesteaded with their families in the late 1800s, sharing the heartbreaks and joys of pioneer life.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"Grace's story relates hardships and hilarity in a compelling mix. . . . This is a fine personal portrait of one woman's life and a good read. Excellent-quality archival photos, many of Grace's own family, enhance the well-documented text." —School Library Journal (starred review) (School Library Journal) "[Pioneer Girl] tells the riveting story of life on the prairie and the determination of the families who settled there." —Kirkus Reviews (Kirkus Reviews) "A nonfiction parallel to Laura Ingalls Wilder stories, filled with the gritty details of a settler's life and told with a smooth storytelling style." —Horn Book (Horn Book) "Every year my fifth grade students embark on a journey 'out west' with Andrea Warren's Pioneer Girl. The book's wonderful details and compelling characters make for a high-interest story as readers learn about

the homesteadersâ€™ experiences and what it took to settle the prairie.â€”Sharon Story, teacher at B.D. Lee Elementary School in Gaffney, South Carolina (Sharon Story)â€”An excellent addition to units on the westward movement or for fans of pioneer stories.â€”Booklist (Booklist)

Andrea Warren is the author of several highly acclaimed childrenâ€™s books, including *Orphan Train Rider: One Boyâ€™s True Story*, winner of the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award for Outstanding Nonfiction; *Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps*, a Robert F. Sibert Award Honor Book; and *Escape from Saigon: How a Vietnam War Orphan Became an American Boy*, a Booklist Editorsâ€™ Choice.

Loved this book. Went back to that time when hardships were normal. Life was hard but everyone was always happy. I felt so inadequate after reading this. Those women worked so hard accomplished so much and had something to show for all their hard work. Great reading!

Not totally done with this book, but read the first few chapters and I'm really enjoying it. It gives a typical story of growing up in pioneer time. Reading it for Nebraska 150 books.

Pioneer Girl offers a glimpse of a bygone era in Nebraska. The book reads similarly to the works of Laura Ingalls Wilder although "Pioneer Girl" lacks the warmth and detail of the Little House books. The book is enjoyable, but it feels threadbare - lacking emotion and lacking the miniscule details of everyday life which make a community unique.

I've only read the first few pages and love it so far.

I really enjoyed this book!

Having read Andrea Warren's previous books, especially the first version of this book, I also enjoyed this one, especially her Afterword. Andrea does tremendous research. As a storyteller, I was thrilled she gave me permission to use her work in my presentation: *Use It Up, Wear It Out, Do Without*. Now, I'm reading her newest book, "Under Siege!" about three children who are telling their stories of the Civil War battle for Vicksburg.

Very happy customer

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