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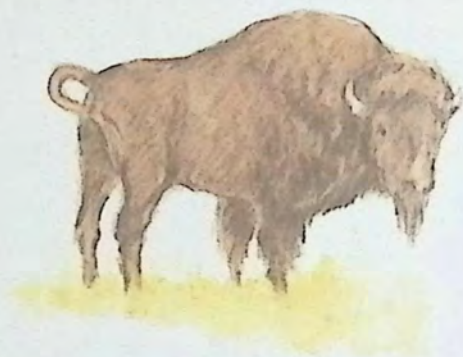
Wagon Train



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To Sophie, who can read this now—SK
Remembering the women of the West—DKR



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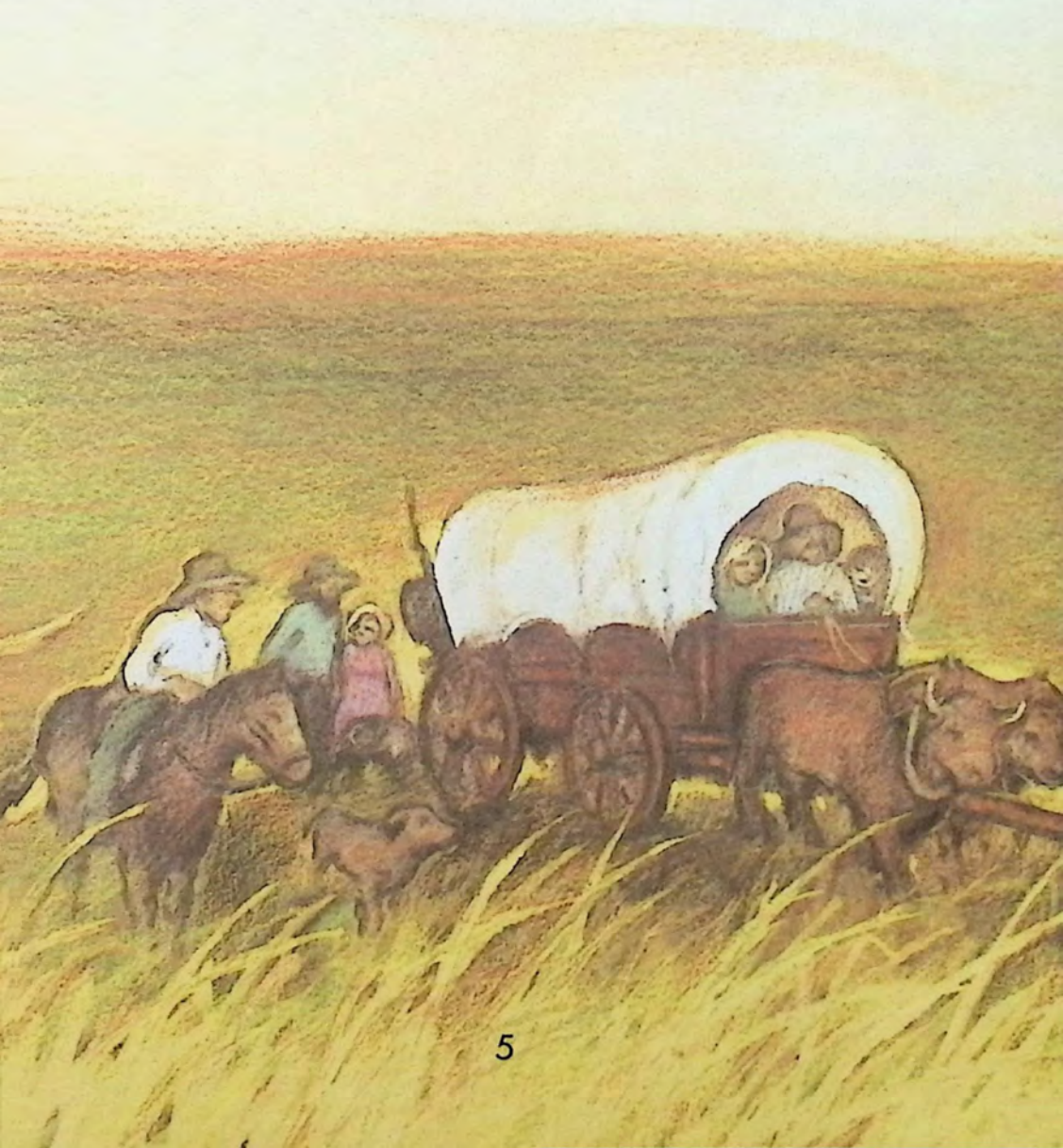
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It is an April morning. The year
is 1848.



A long, long line of wagons rumbles
down the trail. Hundreds of people
are on board.



They are pioneers (say: pie-uh-NEERS). They're leaving their old homes behind to start new lives.

Every one of them is excited.

They're moving west to California! The pioneers have heard great things about California. It is green and beautiful. The sun shines all year long. People can get land there for free. They might even get rich!

But the trip is long and hard. California is 2,000 miles away. It takes six months to reach it. There's no road—just a dirt trail.



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What was it like to go West in a covered wagon? How did the pioneers get their wagons over rugged mountains and across wide rivers? Hop aboard the wagon train and find out what life was like for American pioneers!

LEVEL

1**Emergent Reader** (Guided Reading Levels A–D)

LEVEL

2**Progressing Reader** (Guided Reading Levels E–I)

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3**Transitional Reader**

- Multisyllable and compound words
- More dialogue
- Different points of view
- More complex storylines and characters
- Greater range of genres

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4**Fluent Reader** (Guided Reading Levels N–P)

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