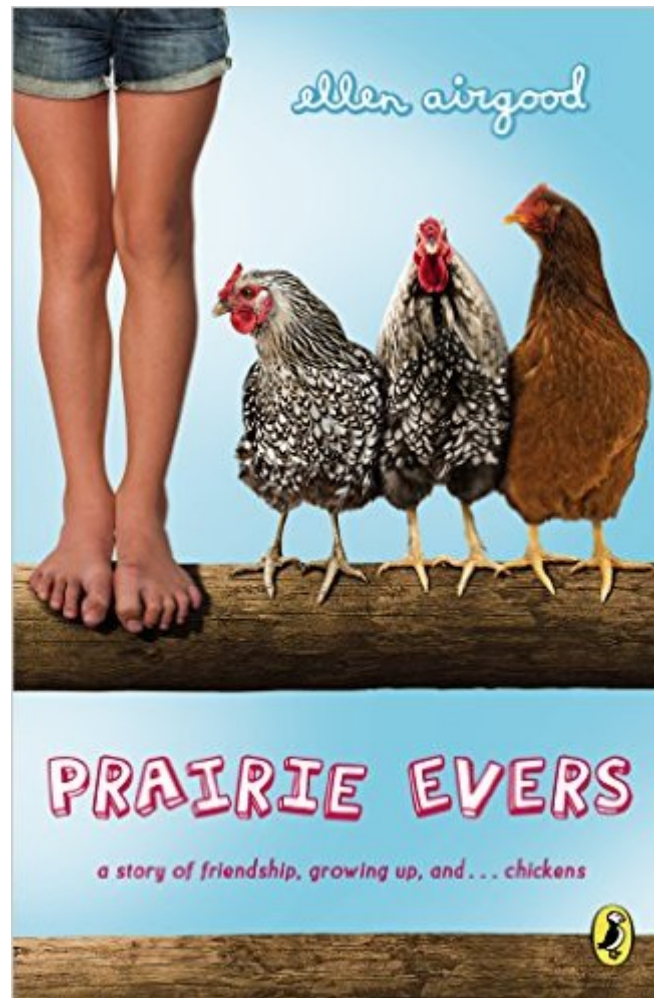


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Prairie Evers



Synopsis

This charming, coming-of-age story is perfect for fans of Joan Bauer and Sheila Turnage. Prairie Evers is finding that school isn't all it's cracked up to be. She's always been homeschooled by her grandmother, learning about life while they ramble through the woods. But now Prairie's family has moved north and she has to attend school for the first time, where her education is in a classroom and the behavior of her classmates isn't very nice. The only good thing is meeting Ivy, her first true friend. Prairie wants to be a good friend, even though she can be clueless at times. But when Ivy's world is about to fall apart and she needs a friend most, Prairie is right there for her, corralling all her optimism and determination to hatch a plan to help. Wonderful writing and an engaging narrator distinguish this lively story that celebrates friendship of every kind.

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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Customer Reviews

I read tons of books for this age, because I send books to my grandchildren. Never would I send a book to a child that I first didn't screen. At first, I just knew my granddaughters would love Prairie as I do. I've raised chickens and homeschooled children. Although I loved the writing style of this book and most of the story, domestic violence and the shooting death of a parent by the other parent is too mature and inappropriate for the target age group. Yes, yes, yes, these things happen in our

society. However, just because something is true to life doesn't mean our young children need to learn about it. If something like that happens in a child's life or to her best friend or even to the neighbor family down the block, by all means discuss it in the family. But don't make it part of a children's novel for Heaven's sake.

I bought this book from Ellen Airgood at an author reading/signing event in De Tour Village, Michigan. It's a young adult genre book, but it's really a book for all readers. *Prairie Evers* has just moved to New Platz, New York, with her parents, from North Carolina. Until now, she has been home-schooled by her Grammy, who is staying in North Carolina. *Prairie* is lonely and struggling with the sudden changes in her life and starts raising chickens to keep her mind occupied, when her parents tell her she has to start going to school. At school, she meets a girl named Ivy and they become fast friends. Imagine the challenges she faced at school, with a name like *Prairie* and a Southern accent! *Prairie* and Ivy save each other and learn more about the world and themselves in the process. The story even made chickens interesting, which I thought was impossible! This is a book about friendship, family, trust, hard work, perseverance and silver linings. It's a great book, for all readers from ten to one hundred.

Prairie Evers is a stranger in a strange land. She is vibrantly different from her peers--even her name is a novelty to her classmates. A new-found friend soon brings her more than just a sense of place. A perfect setting intertwines the roles of family and friendship creating an irreplaceable bond between characters. This young-adult novel is a great read. My 10 year old and 6 year old were immersed in the story and continually were wondering what was going to happen next to *Prairie*. My 10 year old particularly connected with the characters, as he was also moving to a new school at the time. I highly recommend this to anyone who enjoys young-adult fiction. It should be a required read in elementary school as many students are faced with the same issues as the heroine. I'll enjoy re-reading this again soon, and so will my children.

Prairie Evers was a great book for young people, and especially, for older people, like me. As a grandmother I have spent quite a few hours reading books for small children through teens and young adults. I love losing myself in books for young people, I get as much enjoyment out of those as I do from an adult book. So having said all that, *Prairie Evers* was a funny, serious, mind holding book for anyone. I loved the characters, and the two main ones will catch your heart and hold it. Would recommend this for any age.

I couldn't put this book down once I started reading it. Prairie Evers is a person lots of people can identify with. She is fun, she is gutsy, she is independent, and she is a kind and wise soul. Prairie knows what friendship is all about, what love of family is all about and how to learn from life's lessons. If you read this book, you will probably want to be like Prairie, too!

Prairie Evers warms your heart and makes you smile. It is an inspiring story of love, friendship, letting go, and discovering yourself. Prairie recently moved to New Paltz, New York with her mother, father, and grandmother. Prairie hasn't adjusted to her new home yet, but at least she has her grandmother with whom she shares a special bond. That is until her grandmother declares New Paltz is not for her and she is heading back to North Carolina. Prairie's world is turned upside down. Now, she must attend school for the first time, in a town she isn't ready to call home, without the security of her grandmother. But, life has a funny way of working out and soon Prairie has her very first best friend, Ivy. Prairie and Ivy are like peas and carrots, they just go together, so when Ivy's mom gets engaged and announces they're moving, Prairie knows she has to find a solution. I was especially drawn to the bond Prairie shares with her grandmother, as I too have a close relationship with my grandmother and had to move away from her at a young age. I know the devastation Prairie feels in this situation. As with Prairie, life continues and a new chapter opened just as it does for her. I thoroughly enjoyed this book from beginning to end. Prairie learns the joys and pain of being a good friend, which is something we can all identify with. She learns responsibility as she cares for her chickens and begins selling their eggs. She discovers that life isn't always easy and more times than not our hearts will be broken, but she also realizes that every cloud has a silver lining. Prairie Evers is a feel good book that will leave your heart smiling. I highly recommend picking up a copy of Prairie Evers.

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