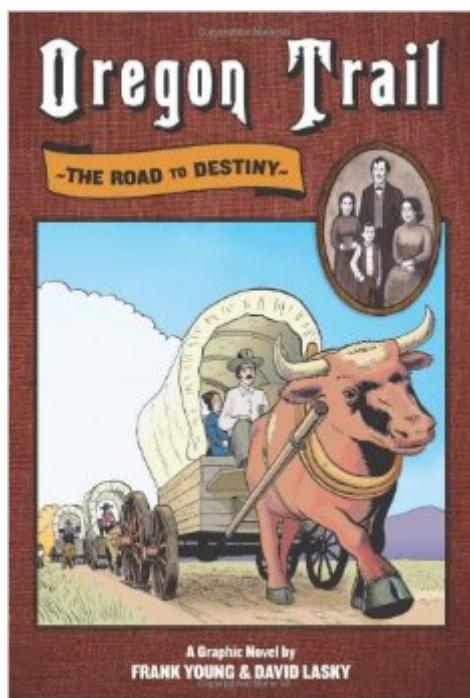


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Oregon Trail: The Road To Destiny



Synopsis

Join one family's epic journey by oxen-drawn wagon train along the Oregon Trail in this thrilling historical graphic novel for young readers. Narrated by eleven-year-old Rebecca Weston, this is the tale of a historic trip across more than 2,000 miles of untamed land with remarkable encounters with wildlife, Native Americans, and natural wonders. This brilliant graphic novel reveals all of the planning, equipment, and logistics that went into traveling across an untamed continent in the 1800s as well as the hardship, heartbreak, and happiness they experience along the way. The dynamic comic style of illustrator David Lasky reveals epic landscapes of the west and a visual inventory of everything the family took with them, including the parts of a covered wagon and a personally annotated map of the trail. Readers feel intimately what it was like to be part of this storied migration westâ "not a dry recitation of dates and factsâ "but an immediately memorable living history. Come along and experience firsthand one of the great American adventuresâ "a brave family in search of a better life.

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Customer Reviews

If you are looking for the sleeper graphic novel of the year, this is it. You wouldn't expect a historical graphic novel aimed at young readers and published by a regional press like this to be such a great read, but it is actually one of the most satisfying, gripping, dramatically told, and just plain interesting graphic novels I've read in a long time. The book soberly reveals the trials and tribulations of the

incredible 2000-mile coast-coast trek by oxen-drawn wagon train that many pioneering Americans underwent some 150 years to gain better lives. What makes the story so gripping is that it's all told through the eyes of a freckle-faced, flaxen-haired young girl who records the events of her family's Oregon Trail trip in her diary. It's a real STORY, with interesting, individual characters who are transformed by their journey. Frank Young (the writer) has created a thrilling dramatic narrative that feels a bit like the great old western films of Anthony Mann, John Ford, and Budd Boetticher. In fact, after reading the book a second time, I couldn't help but think it would make a great movie. Even though the book is aimed at a target market of young readers, Young and Lasky do not sugar-coat the sheer toughness of life on the Trail. People suffer loss, get sick, and even perish on this journey. There also moments of quiet victories, simple joys, and a reminder of the goodness that can be found in community. The book makes us feel what it was like to take such a huge risk. The stakes are high, and this keeps the pages turning as the wagons roll. In one memorable scene, a woman is stunned by the sudden loss of just about everything she has in life, and the rest of the people in her wagon train hold her and share what little they have left.

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