**Featured Book**

**Dakota Dugout**
by Ann Turner

A story of life on the prairie.

- **Topic:** 19th-Century History
- **Age Group:** Early Elementary (K-3)
- **Book Type:** Fiction
- **Publisher:** Aladdin, 1985, New York, NY

**An American Safari: Adventures on the North American Prairie**
by Jim Brandenberg

A photographic look at wildlife on the prairie.

- **Age Group:** Late Elementary (4-6)
- **Book Type:** Nonfiction
- **Publisher:** Walker and Co., 1995, New York, NY

**Children of the Wild West**
by Russell Freedman

A photographic look at life for kids on the frontier.

- **Topics:** 19th-Century History, 20th-Century History
- **Age Groups:** Late Elementary (4-6), Middle School
- **Book Type:** Nonfiction
- **Publisher:** Clarion, 1983, New York, NY

**Dandelions**
by Eve Bunting

The story of the hardships a family endures when they move to the prairie.

- **Topic:** 19th-Century History
- **Age Group:** Late Elementary (4-6)
- **Book Type:** Fiction
- **Publisher:** Voyager, 2001, San Diego, CA
I Have Heard of a Land by Joyce Carol Thomas

The story of a brave African-American woman in her pursuit of pioneering a home.

Topics: African American History, Women's History, 19th-Century History, 20th-Century History

Age Group: Early Elementary (K-3)
Book Type: Fiction
Award: Coretta Scott King Award
Publisher: Harper Collins, 1998, New York, NY

Prairie Willow by Maxine Trottier

A young pioneer girl plans and nurtures a willow tree near her new prairie home.

Topic: 19th-Century History
Age Group: Early Elementary (K-3)
Book Type: Fiction
Publisher: Stoddart Kids, 1999, Toronto, Ontario

Wagon Wheels by Barbara Brenner

An African-American family moves to Kansas after the Civil War to create new life.

Topics: African American History, 19th-Century History
Age Group: Late Elementary (4-6)
Book Type: Fiction
Publisher: Harper Trophy, 1993, New York, NY

Happy Birthday, Kirsten by Janet Shaw

A springtime story with insights into life on the frontier in 1854 (from the American Girls Collection)

Topics: 19th-Century History, Women’s History
Age Groups: Early Elementary (1-3), Late Elementary (4-6)
Book Type: Fiction
Publisher: American Girl Publishing, Inc. 1987, Middleton, WI