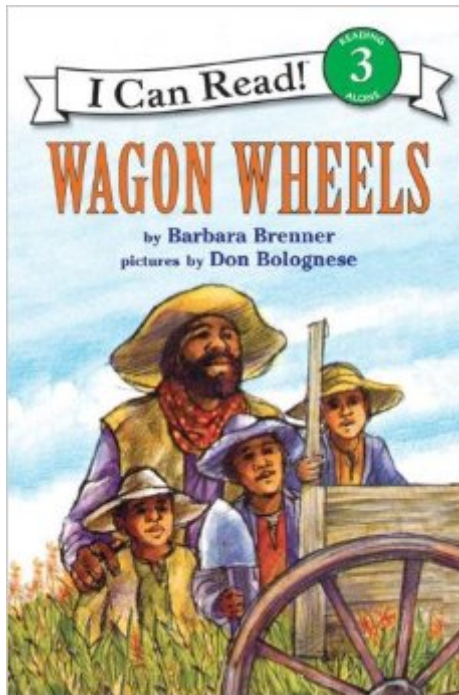


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# Wagon Wheels, Level 3, Grade 2-4 (I Can Read )



## Synopsis

Free people, Free land  
The Muldie boys and their father have come a long way to Kansas. But when Daddy moves on, the three boys must begin their own journey. They must learn to care for one another and face the dangers of the wilderness alone.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: 04 and up

## Customer Reviews

There aren't many stories written about African-American pioneers. This story tells how the Muldie family traveled West from Kentucky to Kansas after hearing about the Homestead Act. That is what makes *Wagon Wheels* so special. This historical fiction story was written with the help of memoirs from the town's teacher who decided to keep a history log on the town. On the last page of the book, it explains to the reader that most of all the events really took place in the Muldie family's travels West. This is an excellent example of historical fiction that could be used in the classroom.

Another great offering from the "I Can Read Book" series. This book is also a Reading Rainbow Book, and it is a true story! My kids loved the fact this amazing little story about black pioneers in 1878 is true. Considering that I used to have qualms leaving them alone in the house while I went to

our mailbox at the end of our pipestem, they find it fascinating that three boys (8, 11, and 3) were left alone while their father went further west to find a good piece of land to settle. Then he sends a letter with a map and tells them to come find him 150 miles away - which they do. Simply amazing. Straightforward writing, simple sentences, my 1st and 2nd graders loved it.

You will love the part when the boys are alone because they found friends that helped them. The main character is Little Willy. I liked him. You should read it. I am eight years old.

Excellent story! I never knew there were so many African American pioneers! What an "eye opener" !!. I would like to publicly thank the author for conducting the "due diligence" in researching and writing this story. This should be a movie ! African American "Tom Sawyers" ! Moreover, I would like to thank the Osage Native American Tribe for assisting the African American settlers in Nicodemus in their hour of need. What a story!! Buy this book and read it to your kids.

I adore this book. I bought it when my kids were little and still buy it for others as a gift or in bulk for book drives. It is a beautiful story of an African American pioneer family and their love for each other, their fortitude and incredible bravery. It is inspirational and heart wrenching. My kids are grown and in college now, and I still cry every single time I read it.

This was the first chapter book I ever read by myself. It was a great adventure. It is about a family of black pioneers. I was sad in the beginning when I read that the Muldie boys' Mom had died on their way west. When they made their first friend out west, and learned to make a dugout, the story began to get exciting. My favorite part was when they made friends with a group of Native Americans. Later, the three Muldie boys traveled over a hundred miles on their own to find their father on his new homestead. I was thrilled to read on the back page that my first reading adventure was based on a true story. I would recommend this adventure to any new reader.

This novel is about an African American family who moves from Kentucky to Nicodemus, Kansas during the time of westward expansion. The father left his sons in Nicodemus, while he went on to find a place for them to settle, the children followed. The family has a positive encounter with Native Americans, who give them food during the harsh winter. The family experiences a prairie fire, wild animals. This easy-to-read yet adventurous story about boys of various ages would work well with the informational book about Nicodemus.

The main idea of *Wagon Wheels* by Barbara Brenner is how the Muldie boys survived when their father went to find free land. The book is historical fiction. The Muldie boys went to look for their father because their dad went to find a place to live better. The important events are that the Muldie boys and their father went to find free land. The Indians helped the Muldie boys by giving them food to eat. I like the book because it was interesting. It was based on a true story. It was good and made me want to read it again. I learned that families help each other when they have a problem.

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