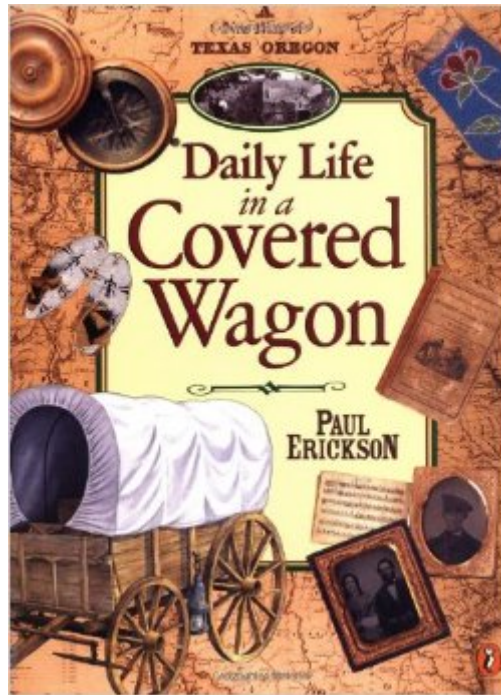


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# Daily Life In A Covered Wagon



## Synopsis

Great for classroom lessons on the Oregon Trail and Westward Expansion! In 1853, the Larkin family loaded up their wagons and headed west in search of a new life. But how did they do it? What did they eat? How did they survive sickness, and attacks from cattle thieves? Drawing on diaries and letters, and illustrated with photographs of actual objects from the past, *Daily Life in a Covered Wagon* explored what life was really like on the wagon trail.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

Follow the Larkin family on their journey from Indiana to Oregon in 1853 in search of a more prosperous life. This book uses actual pictures of objects from the past, many drawings, and diary writings. Their journey took almost 5 months, the family had to travel over 2,000 miles. Some of the 24 chapters include The Wagon, Indian Country, Children's Activities, Crossing A River, Stopping At A fort, Sickness and Death. A greatly detailed book with an abundance of color pictures on every page. Fantastic!!

This book turned out to be exactly what I hoped for. I suppose it's written with school kids in mind. But even at my age it was very informative. The pictures of tools, equipment, supplies and

necessary items makes the whole package come together very nicely. Excerpts from the diaries and sidebars of information contribute to a couple hours of valuable historical information. I agree that this book would be great for grade school classes. Also any family or person thinking about a roadtrip west of the Mississippi should at least have this knowledge in the back of their mind. While driving across the country you'll have a better idea of what the pioneers had to deal with. At about 10 miles a day they made camp every night and broke camp in the early morning. They scavenged for firewood where there were no trees. Everything they owned was either in the covered wagon or walking beside it. Whatever they had in the past was over and gone. A new future was hopeful but unknown. They cooked, ate and slept outdoors no matter the weather. And they buried their dead parents, spouses & children in places they could never find or visit again. You won't be disappointed with this book. I hope this helps you. Ted

The "look inside" on this page doesn't do this book justice. It's a wide and tall book - perfect to have lots of interesting information and good pictures on each page spread, which is usually about one topic. Some of the topics include a bio about members of a family (the only "fictional" part), a diagram of what the covered wagon was like (cool!), what went into the covered wagon, disease and death, entertainment, what children did, etc. The pictures (of real things) drew me in and made it really fun. I liked being able to "see" what it was like. It made me feel like I was there.

Overall a great book. Nicely done photos, good writing. I was a little disappointed that some of the photos showed items that were not period authentic. I hate to see incorrect ideas get a start in the brain.

The book is wonderful. If you've ever wanted to know what it's like to travel by wagon or what the challenges are, this diary is the book to read. Nice coverage of all the specifics of wagon life, day to day grind, etc. The illustrations are so well done that you can visualize everyday life, get a good idea for the feelings they must have had as they met up with different situations, and challenges along the way. Good book. I'd recommend it to anyone who loves the western world, early settlement eras, and American history.

I enjoyed using this book with my elementary students. The language is not too technical. It doesn't go into too much depth. The photographs are great. The book really gives a sense of traveling over the continent on a wagon.

My son took it to school to work on a project. His teacher kept it. She fussed so much and guilted me about how it was integral to the class now that it was in the classroom, I just let her have it. I couldn't take it back since other children were using it for their projects.

I bought this book for myself while researching our family history. It helped me fill-out the lives of our long-gone family members who travelled and lived in this way for months at a time while opening lands from Massachusetts to Virginia to North Carolina to Tennessee to Texas to California. It was a great help in turning out a history that was more than names, places and dates.

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