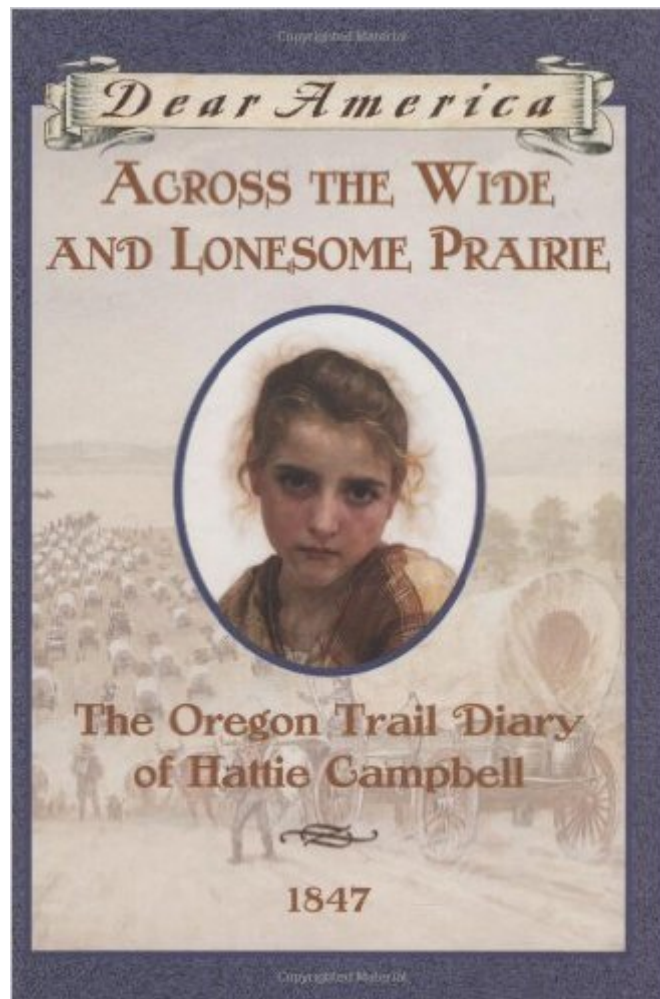


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# Across The Wide And Lonesome Prairie: The Oregon Trail Diary Of Hattie Campbell, 1847 (Dear America Series)



## Synopsis

Thirteen-year-old Hattie Campbell records the details of her family's harrowing migration to Oregon in a covered wagon and describes the many challenges, both joyful and tragic, that mark the journey.

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## Customer Reviews

I first read this book in March 1997 when it first came out. Even after three and a half years, and the reading of many more books, this remains of my favorite books ever. It brings the Oregon Trail to life and puts faces on the countless brave pioneers who braved the hardships of the trail to make new lives in the west. The narrator is a fictional thirteen-year-old farm girl from Missouri, Hattie Campbell. Through her diary, written in a voice that truly sounds as if it belongs to a young girl from that time, the reader experiences the events of Hattie's journey west - her friendship with Pepper, a fourteen-year-old girl from the wagon train, the beginnings of a romance with Pepper's brother Wade, and many others. Hattie was a character that I really came to care about, and I was sad to put the book down when it was finished, but since then, I have read it several more times. Kristiana Gregory is an amazing author that has given a distinct voice to each of her narrators in this book and her two other Dear America books. I hope she writes another Dear America book soon; she's one of my favorite authors from the series. I highly recommend this book to historical fiction fans.

This book was tragic But adventurous. I felt like I was Hattie. It is about a girl who leaves her hometown in Booneville, Missouri and heads out west to Oregon. There are a lot of deaths in the story but none of Hattie's family members died on the Oregon trail so don't worry. I'm eight and I didn't have nightmares for a week but if I were you I would not let anybody under eight read this. they may get scared. There are great characters like Pepper, Gideon, Wade, Ben, Jake and of course Hattie Campbell. If you like adventure and danger I recommend this book to you.

I love dear america books, but this one is definitely my favorite. it gives a good picture of the hardships a pioneer on the Oregon trail would have to experience. in the book, Hattie and her parents leave their home to go west on the Oregon trail. Hattie doesn't want to leave her best friend or the graves of her baby sisters. the diary tells all about the journey, her sorrows and her joys, her new friends and her new enemies. unlike in some of the dear america diaries, some of Hattie's dreams do come true. I would really recommend this book to anyone, but be prepared, this book is sad.

I've read this book several times over the years, and it's one book from my childhood I still enjoy. Hattie's father wants to leave their home and go to Oregon. Hattie's mother isn't too happy with it because she doesn't want to leave her daughter's graves behind. Along the trail, friendships are made (as well as enemies) and the families face a lot of hardships. I think Hattie is very brave, even if she wouldn't agree with the comment. Her biggest fear is losing her brothers. Hattie has lost so much, and has been forced to leave the only home she has known, yet she is open to making new friends, and these friends are all different. To a husband and wife driving a wagon to a girl not much older than her. Her parents really care about their children, and Hattie's love for her brothers is something you don't see a lot. It's one of dear America's best books.

I thought the book Across the Wide and Lonesome Prairie was the most coolest book ever because it tells about the past and a lot of sad moments and happy. You can't even put the book down because it's so exciting and mind blowing to find out what happens next!! I think the most interesting part in the book was that so much danger was ahead of them and that they can get married at a very young age! And the characters in the book like Hattie Campbell, who is 13 is a very caring person and worries about the lost kids and their mother. She can sometimes be jealous, judgemental about people but when she gets to know them she feels bad. Pepper, Hattie's friend who she meets on the way to Oregon is 14 and is a shy person but when you get to know her she can be a chatterbox. She

is also a caring person. Pepper and Hattie both worry about the lost kids and their mother. On the way they see Indians and cross a big rushing river

*Across the Wide and Lonesome Prairie: The Oregon Trail Diary of Hattie Campbell* by Kristiana Gregory, is a novel about a 14-year-old girl and her family traveling west to Oregon. Hattie goes through everything you can think of. She goes through the emotion of love, hate, anger, and sadness. Of course she has a good time sometimes, but it was a hard struggle moving west. Some turned back and some went on. Did they go all the way? You will have to read it yourself and find out. The setting is all the way from Missouri all the way up the Oregon Trail. Tootles from Mayflower.

Hattie Campbell, her parents, her aunt and uncle, and her two younger brothers leave their home to join a wagon train on the Oregon Trail. Hattie meets a girl named Pepper, and they become good friends. There are surprises along the way such as marriages, but there were also hardships like deaths, food poisoning, and robberies. Also, if you're the type of person who wants to know what happens after the end, this book has an epilogue (tells what happens after the end).

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