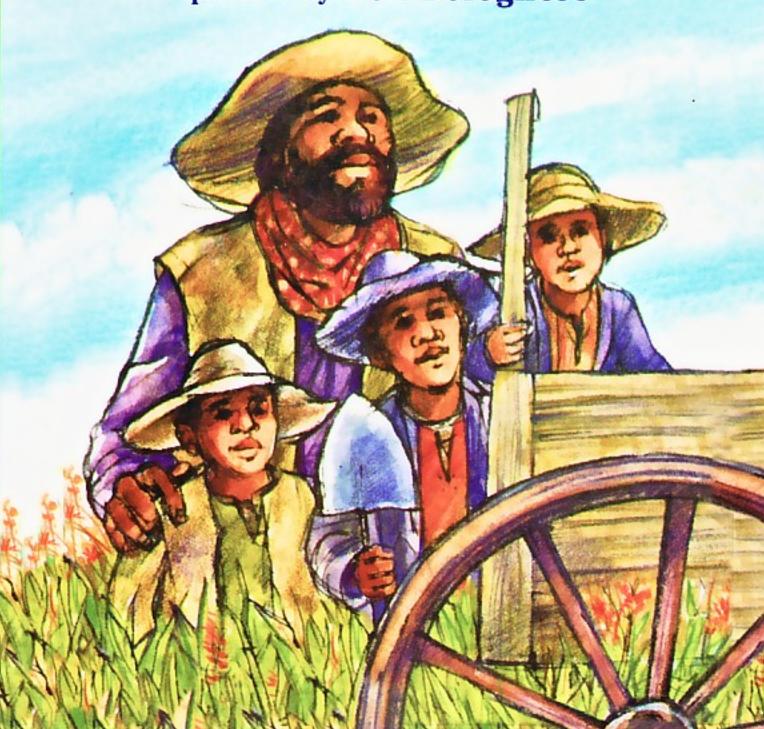


## WAGON WHELS

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## Chapter I • THE DUGOUT

"There it is, boys," Daddy said.

"Across this river

is Nicodemus, Kansas. That is where we are going to build our house.

There is free land

for everyone here in the West.

All we have to do is go and get it."



We had come a long way to get to Kansas.

All the way from Kentucky.

It had been a hard trip,

and a sad one.

Mama died on the way.

Now there were just the four of us— Daddy, Willie, Little Brother, and me.



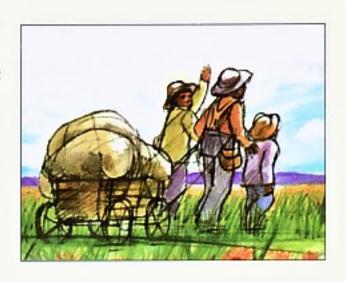
"Come on, boys," Daddy called.

"Let's put our feet on free dirt."

We crossed the river, wagon and all.



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.





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