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# PRAIRIE SCHOOL

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## Chapter One

# The New Land

In 1880 the Bidsons moved from their worn-out farm in Maine to the new state of Colorado.





There, on the rolling prairie, they built a sod house, plowed the soil, planted seeds, and harvested wheat.

Noah, who was nine, helped with all the work. He hauled water and fed the animals. He made sure that the house was free of snakes and that the hearth fire stayed lit.

Now and again he got on the horse and wandered over the land. Free as a lark, he came to love the prairie.





One day Mrs. Bidson said to her son,  
“Noah, we’re going to have a visitor.”

“Who?” asked Noah.

“My sister. Your aunt Dora.”

“I thought she teaches school back  
East.”

“She’s coming to give you schooling.”

“Schooling!” Noah said. “Don’t I work  
as hard as you and Pa?”





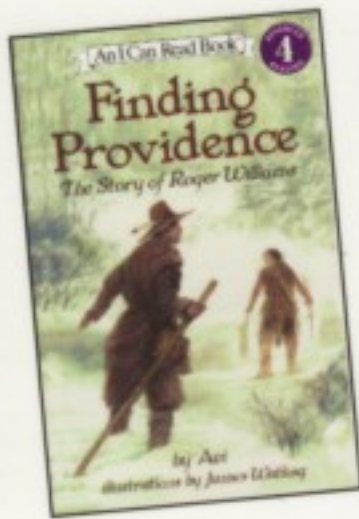
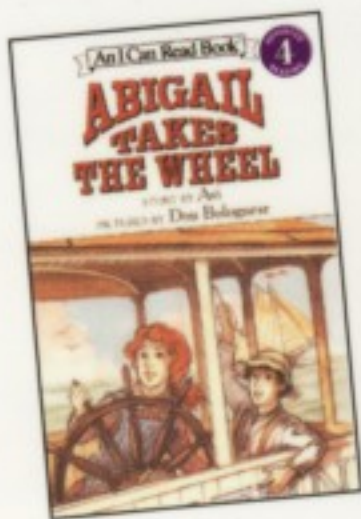
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# Reading the prairie

It's the 1880s. Noah works hard on the family farm and roams free on the Colorado prairie. One day his Aunt Dora arrives to give him some schooling. Noah doesn't think he needs it. What use is reading on the prairie? But what Noah discovers will change his life forever.




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