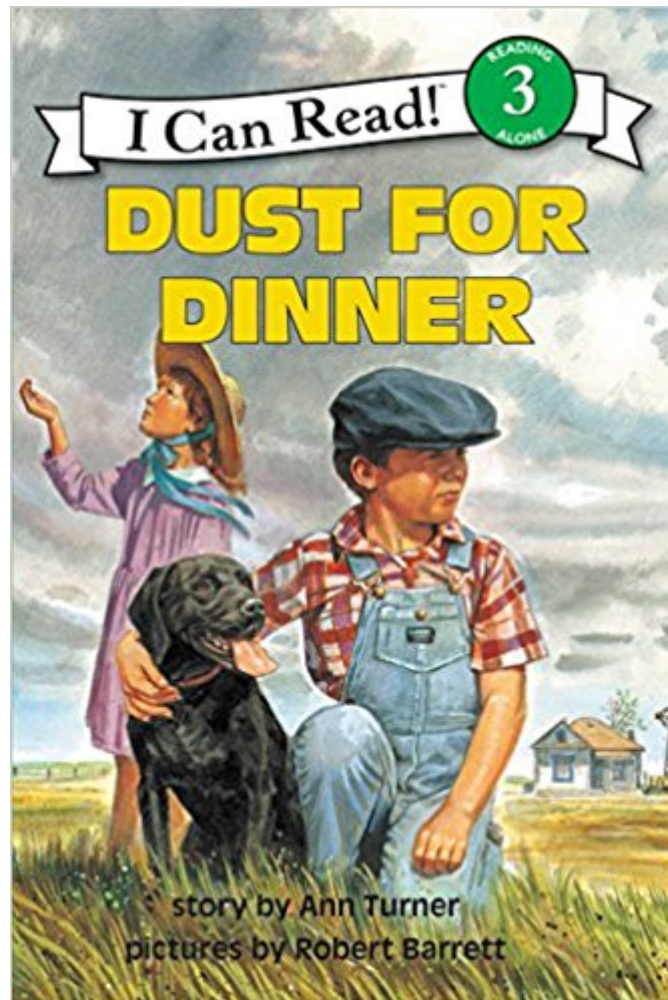




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Dust For Dinner (I Can Read Book - Level 3)



Synopsis

Jake and Maggy lived on a farm where they loved to sing and dance to the music from Mama's radio. Then terrible dust storms came and ruined the land. The family had no choice but to auction off the farm and make the long, hard journey west to California-away from the dust storms, where the land is still green. Along the way, Papa tries to find work, and Jake and Maggy try to help too. But what if Papa can't find a job? What if California isn't better after all? Ann Turner's dramatic story about the dust bowl, set during the Great Depression and beautifully captured in Robert Barrett's paintings, shows how one family stays together during difficult times.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

Grade 1-2? Jake and Maggy and their parents live on a farm in Oklahoma where they grow crops, raise animals, and sing and dance to the music on the radio. But when a drought comes and dust storms destroy the land, the family must auction all of their belongings and head to California. They manage to hang on to their radio and their dog as the only reminders of the life they've left behind. With the adults working odd jobs, they make their way across the country and are lucky enough to find a better life in California. Jake's first-person narrative; the use of the radio as a motif to provide

continuity; and the realistic, full-color illustrations combine to make this story a well-written introduction to the Depression for beginning readers. No dates are given in the story to provide context or historical background, but this information is included in an author's note at the end. Jan Shepherd Ross, Dixie Elementary Magnet School, Lexington, KY Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gr. 1[^]-2. In this I Can Read Book, Turner takes a sad episode in history and fashions it into a story that has some depth as well as some drama. It revolves around an Oklahoma family displaced by drought and the Depression. Because the book is divided into chapters, youngsters will get the feeling of reading a "real book," while having the luxury of short sentences, generous leading, and a direct, easy-to-grasp plot line. Realistic, nicely executed illustrations decorate every page, and the book ends on a happy note: Dad finally finds a job in California. Stephanie Zvirin --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I featured this book in my 4th grade class's unit on "How We Came to California." It was the best book that told about the journey of many families to the Golden State during the Dust Bowl Days because it included why they left, how they came and the struggle once they got here. To make it even more special, my grandmother came to read it to the students because she lived in CA during this time and helped the people who came to her town from Oklahoma and Kansas. Having an elder read it to the kids was the most memorable thing to many of the kids who simply did not know about this period of their family's history.

Set in the Dust Bowl era of the Midwest, this is an excellent book for today's young readers. Before there were tech and housing bubbles, there was the Dust Bowl. A period where drought took over and the wind kept blowing dry air for years. The agricultural regions of the Midwest had many families that depended on farming to make a living. When it collapsed from drought, the families had to auction off their land and possessions and move out West to find work and start a new life. This book follows the tale of one family that had to make difficult decisions to stay together and develops the role of each family member as the story unfolds.

My youngest son is 7 and he can't stop reading this book. He loves it!

this book is a level 3 which in a different publisher's step system would have been for grades 1-3

while this is for 2-4.. not a huge difference but something to note..book seems nice

Children will enjoy the books in this series, build reading skills, expand vocabulary, and learn about history altogether while reading these stories! The illustrations are good as well. We loved them all and read them more than once. You could add these to a study of American history for young kids and make the curriculum more interesting.

I loved this book and liked that it helps young children understand this part of American history.

Perfect

My third graders and I really enjoyed this book. It really went well with our study of the book, Leah's Pony.

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