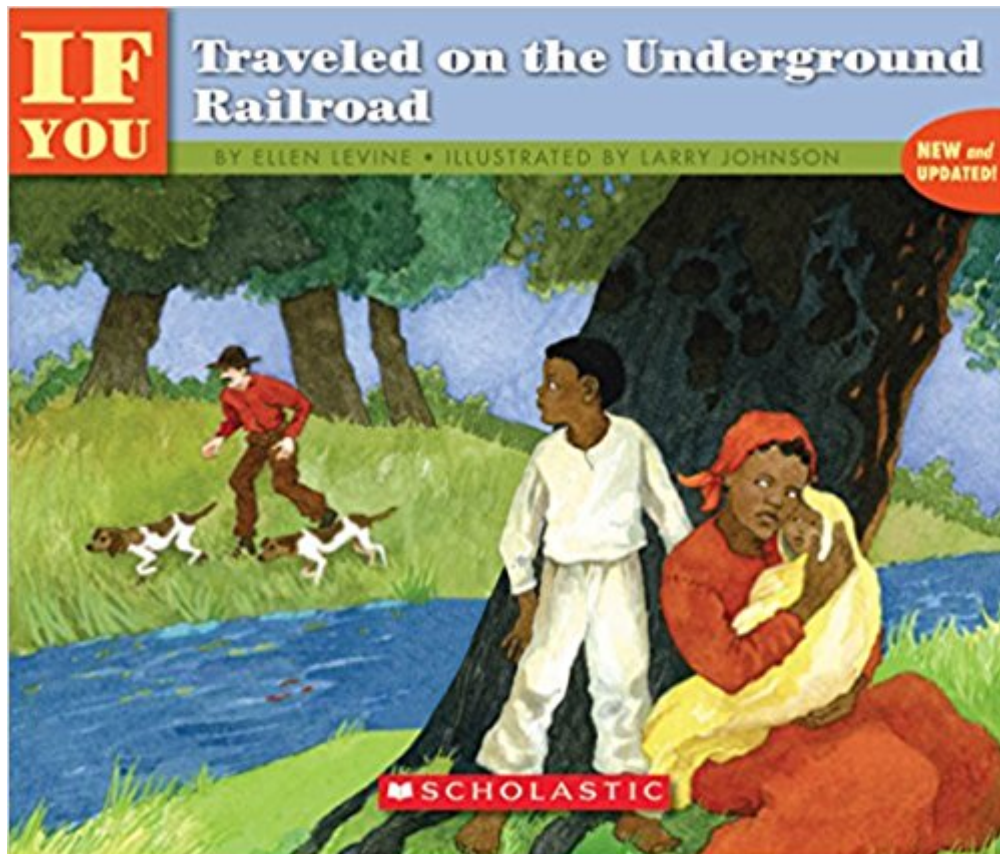




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# ... If You Traveled On The Underground Railroad



## Synopsis

If you traveled on the Underground Railroad--Where was the safest place to go?--Would you wear a disguise?--What would you do when you were free?This book tells you what it was like to be a slave trying to escape to freedom on the Underground Railroad.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

How did people escape on the Underground Railroad? What was it like to land on Ellis Island?How did it feel to travel the Oregon Trail in a covered wagon? Ellen Levine has revealed worldsof fascinating adventure with her nonfiction books for young readers.Although Ellen Levine enjoys reading and writing fiction, most of her books for young readershave been nonfiction.

“Writing nonfiction lets me in behind the scenes of the story. I enjoy learning new things and meeting new people, even if they lived 200 years ago.” “Real heroes,” Levine says, “aren’t necessarily on TV or in the news. They can be ordinary people who are willing to take risks for causes they believe in. Nonfiction offers a way to introduce young readers to real people who have shown tremendous courage, even when faced with great danger. All of us have the potential. And one doesn’t have to be a grown-up,” she adds. When she’s not writing, Levine likes to share the excitement of research and the importance of accuracy with young readers.

“Many young people think research is dull; you go to an encyclopedia, copy information, give it a title, and call it a report. Using her books as examples, Ellen explains how to get other, more interesting information. “I may not mention the exact words, but I talk to young people about primary and secondary sources. If I’m speaking with third graders, I ask them, ‘Where would I go if I wanted to find out what it’s like to be a third grader?’ Most will say, ‘Read a book.’ But when they say, ‘Ask a third grader,’ I know they’ve understood what I mean by a primary source of inspiration. For *If You Were an Animal Doctor*, for example, Ellen witnessed an emergency operation on a cow. While doing research in Wyoming for *Ready, Aim, Fire!*, her biography of Annie Oakley, she got to hold the gun Ms. Oakley is believed to have shot in the presence of the Queen of England. “It gave me such a strong feeling about this person,” she says. “That’s part of research, too.” Ellen Levine is the author of many acclaimed books, both fiction and nonfiction. Among them: *If You Traveled West in a Covered Wagon*, *If Your Name Was Changed at Ellis Island*, *I Hate English!*, *If You Lived at the Time of Martin Luther King*, and *Secret Missions*. Her recent book, *Freedom’s Children: Young Civil Rights Activists Tell Their Own Stories*, was named one of the Ten Best Children’s Books of the Year by The New York Times, and Best Book for Young Adults by the American Library Association. Ellen divides her time between New York City and Salem, New York.

I wanted my son to get started on learning this part of his history but didn’t want to slam him with too much of the details at once cause it can be emotional and hard to take in...even still for me, as an adult. This is a great book to introduce you little one to this part of history without being so overwhelming initially.

Four million slaves in America in the year 1860? Is that possible? Unfortunately yes. Learn about this despairing time in American history. From the code words used to make the Underground Railroad a success, where a runaway would go for help, how long would a slave have to travel to freedom, what dangers did the slaves and conductors encounter? The depth of organization, commitment, and traveling on the Underground Railroad were enormous. Come along for this expansive journey through the Underground Railroad and be mesmerized by what the people of this era endured to achieve freedom.

This book on Kindle is very difficult to read. The letters are very small.

This is a great book for early elementary students. Each individual heading discussed in this book under the topic of the underground railroad is brief and quick to the point, but informative. It gives the young child a spoonful of information they can consume and hang onto at their level. It does not drag, and leaves no room to get boring. The illustrations are beautiful and attractive for little ones. We have several of the books in this series, and we are equally pleased with them all.

A very good book! I love this book because it offered me many informations about the American slavery long ago.

Wonderful book, full of information.

It explains the situations without the true traumatic effects. If the child is older I don't know if it would be as effective or sufficient.

I love these books. They help a child put themselves in the shoes (or bare feet) of the subject covered.

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