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## Pioneer Girl

*A True Story of Growing Up on the Prairie*

BY ANDREA WARREN

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### Book Synopsis:

*Pioneer Girl* is the true story of Grace McCance Snyder. In 1885, when Grace was three, she and her family became homesteaders on the windswept prairie of central Nebraska. They settled into a small sod house and hauled their water in barrels. Together they endured violent storms, drought, blizzards, and prairie fires. Despite the hardships and dangers, Grace loved her life on the prairie. Weaving Grace's story into the history of America's heartland, award-winning author Andrea Warren writes not just of one spirited girl but of all the children who homesteaded with their families in the late 1800s, sharing the heartbreaks and joys of pioneer life.

- **Recipient of the Midland Authors Award**
- **Scholastic Book Club Selection**
- **South Carolina Association of School Librarians' Children's Book Award**
- **Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children from the National Council of Teachers of English**
- **Golden Sower Award Finalist**

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## Pre-Publication Praise

"Grace's story relates hardships and hilarity in a compelling mix. . . . This is a fine personal portrait of one woman's life and a good read. Excellent-quality archival photos, many of Grace's own family, enhance the well-documented text."—*School Library Journal* starred review

"A nonfiction parallel to Laura Ingalls Wilder stories, filled with the gritty details of a settler's life and told with a smooth storytelling style."—*Horn Book*

"An excellent addition to units on the westward movement or for fans of pioneer stories."—*Booklist*

"Every year my fifth grade students embark on a journey 'out west' with Andrea Warren's *Pioneer Girl*. The book's wonderful details and compelling characters make for a high-interest story as readers learn about the homesteaders' experiences and what it took to settle the prairie."—Sharon Story, teacher at B.D. Lee Elementary School in Gaffney, South Carolina

"[*Pioneer Girl*] tells the riveting story of life on the prairie and the determination of the families who settled there."—*Kirkus Reviews*

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## Author Biography



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**ANDREA WARREN** is the author of several highly acclaimed children's books, including *Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story*, winner of the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award for Outstanding Nonfiction; *Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps*, a Robert F. Sibert Award Honor Book; and *Escape from Saigon: How a Vietnam War Orphan Became an American Boy*, a Booklist Editors' Choice.

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