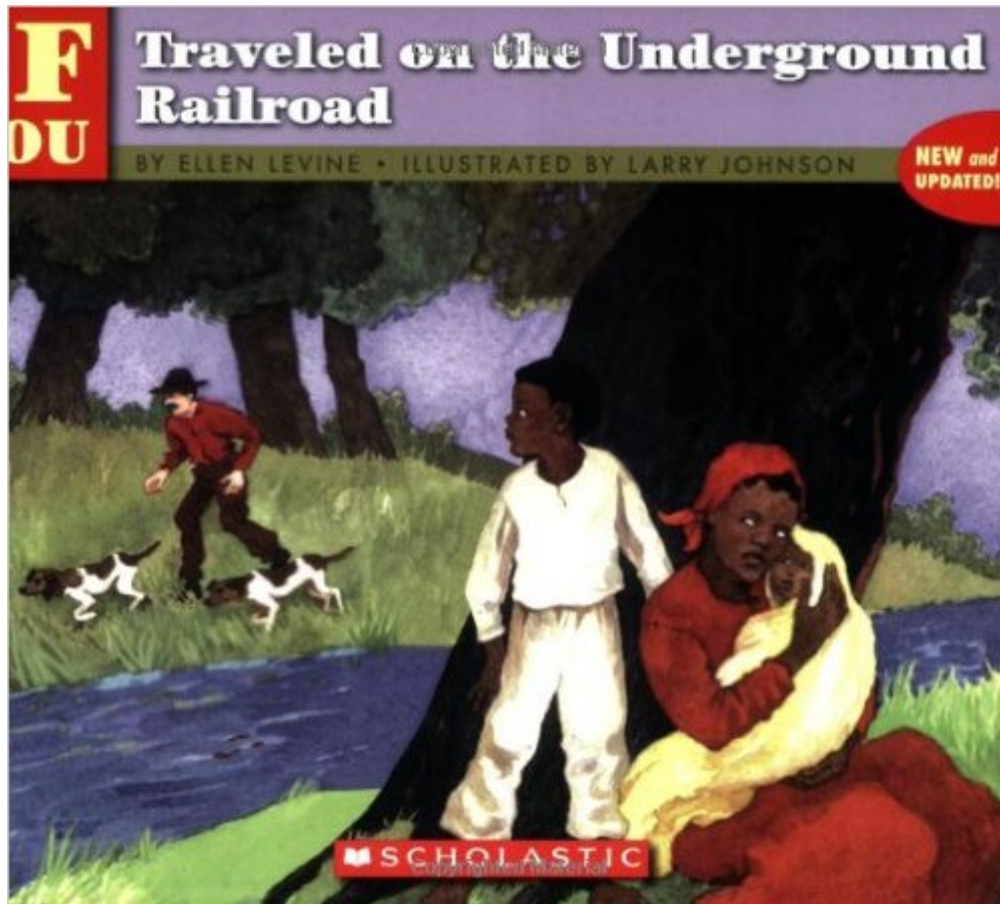


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# ... If You Traveled On The Underground Railroad



## 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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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

As the director of an Underground Railroad museum, I am always looking for clear, concise materials for the public to use. This book is being added to our new education program, for use in elementary schools in our area. The facts are presented in an easy-to-read fashion, and anyone, adult or child, is able to pick up valuable information without being threatened by the reading level of the book. The text is not condescending in any fashion, yet moves easily enough for a 5-year-old child to sit through a reading of the entire book and ask questions provoked by the material being presented. I would recommend "If You Traveled the Underground Railroad" to anyone interested in giving children something of substance to read. We sell these books in our museum and cannot keep the supply high enough to meet the demand!

In the book, If You traveled on the Underground Railroad, it tells you how fugitives got the

Underground Railroad started and what they did on the way. One question was, "Why did they call it the Underground Railroad?" "A man named Tice Davids was running from his owner that lived in Kentucky. Davids swam across a river to get to a small town in Ohio. The owner was hot on his trail. Davids suddenly disappeared when he went around a turn. The owner searched everywhere he could have been, but he couldn't find him. He gave up and went home. When he got back, he told his other family members that he "must've went on an Underground Railroad!" The book tells you what happened if the slaves and conductors were caught. To find out more, read this book.

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.

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.

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.

With a fast-paced narrative and an emphatic tone, this book helps children to see slavery from the perspective of those who experienced it most brutally. For better or for worse it softens the horror considerably, making slavery awful, but hardly the abomination that it was. I suppose for little ones it might be better that way. The illustrations are merely adequate and the text has a fairly casual tone. At times the grammar seems almost childlike. Maybe the language is meant to help draw young ones into the story. The overall effect of the book, though, is to offer small children some sense of

what it was like to be a slave and to try to escape its horrors.

I love this book. It is a wonderful way to tell little children what it was being a slave. Thanks--the pictures are really nice and the book is in excellent condition--keep up the good work

This is a great little book for kids and adults as it is well written and easy to read. I learned a lot about the Underground railroad. There were secret codes that I had never known. I learned about the conductors, and Abolitionist who were all necessary to keep the railroad on track.

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