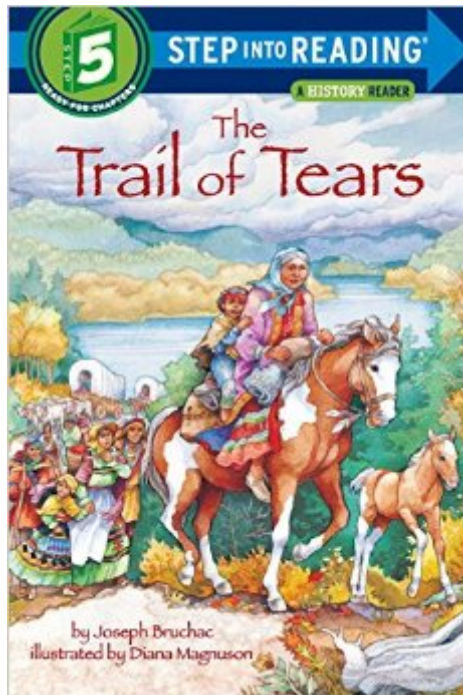


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# Trail Of Tears (Step-Into-Reading, Step 5)



## Synopsis

In 1838, settlers moving west forced the great Cherokee Nation, and their chief John Ross, to leave their home land and travel 1,200 miles to Oklahoma. An epic story of friendship, war, hope, and betrayal.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 9 years

Grade Level: 2 - 4

## Customer Reviews

This is a truly outstanding, well written book. My daughter at the age of 7 read this with ease. She was able to discuss Seuoyah, John Ross, Andrew Jackson, and Thomas Jefferson with me. She had an accurate understanding of the Traii of Tears, the Indian Removal Bill, and even was able to discuss how the Cherokee Alphabet came about. The best part was she and I both enjoyed the book. This book would make a great gift for a teacher in grades 2 - 4 or any one wanting to learn more about the Trail Of Tears.

This is a history book of the "trail of tears." This book has a very good lesson: a lesson of hope and courage. This book also had three interesting facts. Sequoya invented an alphabet for the Cherokee language and his daughter was the first to use it. The Cherokees had to give up their land to the

whites, and had to make a 1200 mile trip. It took them many months and over 4000 people died. The Whites wouldn't let them search for gold, either, even though there was gold in the water. I liked the book. The pictures were specific and detailed and helped me understand the text better. I would recommend this book to other Cherokees who want to know more about their ancestors, and to anyone interested in learning more about Cherokee, especially if they are 8 and older.

This book is written for grades 2-4 but is an interesting read for older children as well. Not only does it encourage your child to extend their vocabulary but also endorses history. This short story explains what the Trail of Tears was, defines the Indian removal policy, and introduces John Ross, Thomas Jefferson, Sequoyah, Andrew Jackson, and Tsali in a way that is easy to comprehend. As the Trail of Tears; this is an heart wrenching true story that all children of all races should read. I found myself struggling to control my voice which was on the verge of tears as I read to my five year old who was touch dramatically by the sorrowful pictures. I also noticed that my children remained attentive engrossed in this tragic event of their forefathers. I think that other children, even those not of the red race, would also settle down and desire to read in hopes of learning about the infamous event that touches so many people's hearts. It is a wonderful idea to introduce young children to other "American cultures" and American history early.

We are a homeschool family studying the Trail of Tears for a couple weeks, and chose to include this book in our reading. My children wish to review it as follows, 2nd grader: I think it's the second best book I've ever read (after the Bible). 5th grader: I just felt something stirring inside of me. I know I'm part Cherokee, and I am enjoying learning about my ancestors and all they went through so I could live now. It was a really great book.

The Trail of Tears is a big, sad subject; for many American children, it may be totally unfamiliar. However, Joseph Bruchac presents the information clearly, in easy vocabulary with plenty of illustrations. The pages are not more than half covered in text, and the print is large. 2nd grade is not too young to understand what is written here. Good maps. The book even presents information about Sequoyah and the Cherokee alphabet, setting the stage that the Cherokee were settled and "civilized" people in the eyes of most of their white neighbors. Some Cherokee phrases are included in the book, making it even more meaningful and useful. Excellent book.

I needed a book for my ESOL students that wouldn't be too difficult in reading or understanding but

would offer a sophisticated and thorough way of telling the story of the Trail of Tears. This book does that job. It conveys a lot of sophisticated information that my students need to know along with an easy reading level and respectful story about the hardship of Native Americans. Best book I know of for children on the Trail of Tears.

I was really excited to get this book and read it with my kids, but ended up very disappointed. This book reads like a very boring history book - and I love history! I was looking for a "full-size" book by the same title and I thought by this author (I'm guessing that it is not this author after having read this book) that I read as a child and loved. I could only find this step into reading book and thought it might still be a good taste of the Trail of Tears to start my own children out. I was wrong. Does anyone know of a better story-style book on the same subject? Thanks.

This product arrived in excellent shape in a timely manner. The book was a wise decision as it contains factual, accurate and helpful information about the Cherokee that is presented in an easy-to-understand format.

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