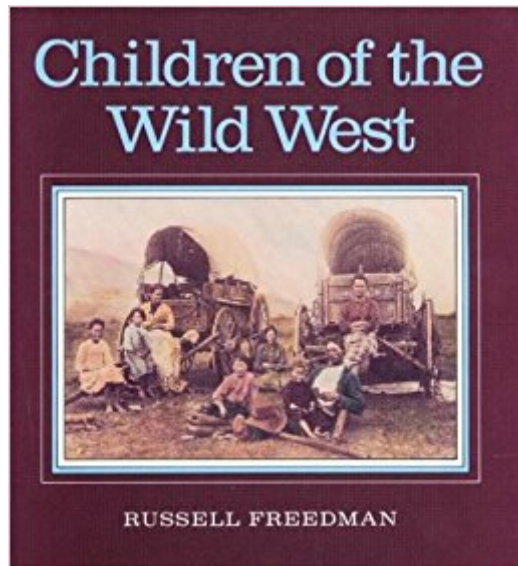




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# Children Of The Wild West



## Synopsis

Historical photographs show what life was like for pioneer and Indian children growing up in the American West during the late nineteenth century.

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Accompanied by evocative photographs, Newbery Medalist Freedman offers a stirring look at life on the Western frontier in these lengthy, informative accounts. Ages 8-11. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.

"A memorable book that is notable both for its subject and for its exquisite documentary photographs." School Library Journal, Starred

Well written, children and parents will enjoy this book. I highly recommend it for your home library.

Had never given much thought to what the young children experienced during those early days of the old west. Good read for the historical value.

The information contained in the book was just what I needed to complete a program for our local genealogical society.

I have paid for new hardback, I received used paperback.

Russell Freedman did an exceptional job with this book; it zeroes in on the immigrant children's experience of going West as well as the indigenous Indian children's lives before, during and after interaction with the white settlers. The photos selected were exceptional and eye-opening. My favorite aspect of the photos selected centered on the variety of tribal children photographed. I don't think I will ever forget the two sets of photos of Indian children as they entered Indian Training Schools (schools that taught Indians how to become white) and how they had changed 14 or 15 months later. There was no spark of joy or happiness in any of these chosen children. Most books talk about the life in the US and the Territories from an adult's perspective. This volume focuses on life amongst the younger population; it is wonderful.

Children of the Wild West follows the daily lives of children on the trails of the old west. From migrating to building, this book covers everything you might want to know about children in the west. In this book several stories are created to give a feel for what it was like to live as a child during the times when the West was still "Wild". These stories, sometimes, makes you feel like you're right there on the dusty trail hunting down a pack of escaped cattle. It also gives you the chance to judge the right and wrongs of these times on your own. It was interesting that the book also covered Native Americans in the West. It was enthralling to read about the boarding schools which Native Americans had to go to, and the harsh treatment in which they were forced to endure. This gives the book a more well rounded feel and makes it much more interesting. Overall Children of the Wild West is a very good book about the lives of growing children in the West. I would recommend this book for anyone looking for a light read on the subject.

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