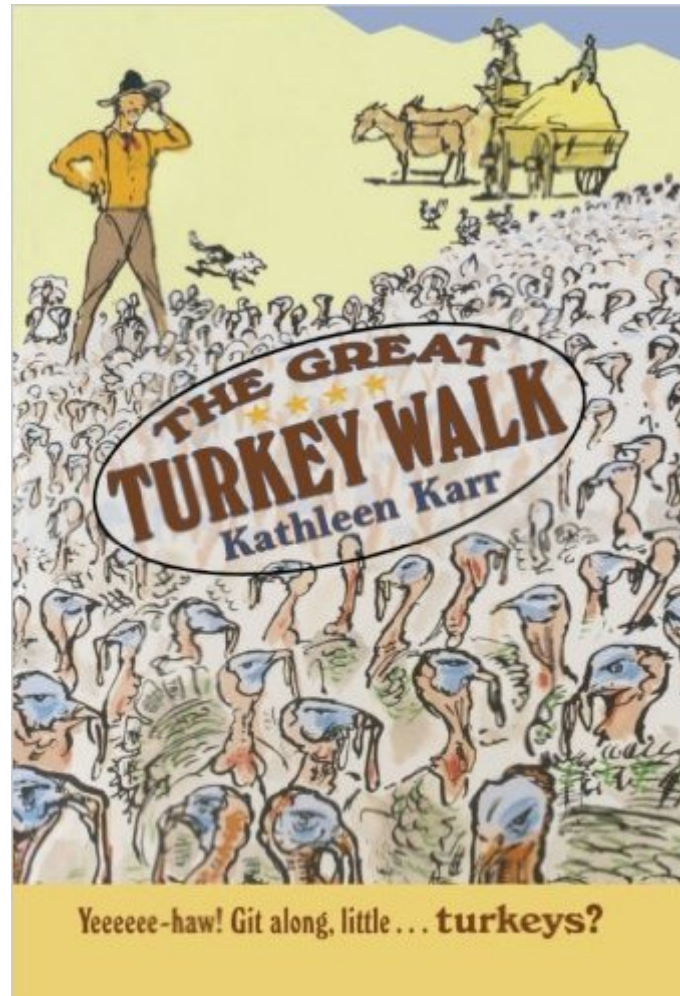


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# The Great Turkey Walk



## Synopsis

Yeeeeeee-haw! Git along, little . . . turkeys? Big, brawny Simon Green, who's just completed third grade (for the fourth time), may not be book smart, but he's nobody's fool. When it's time to be done with school and make his way in the world, Simon hatches a plan that could earn him a bundle. He intends to herd a huge flock of bronze turkeys all the way from his home in eastern Missouri to the boomtown of Denver, where they'll fetch a mighty price. In the year 1860, the hazards of such a trek are many - how does one shepherd the birds across a river, for instance? - but Simon is undaunted. Accompanied by a faithful drover, and eventually to be joined by two boon companions, he undertakes the biggest journey of his young life, in this high-spirited Wild Wild West adventure by an acclaimed author of historical fiction.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 10 - 14 years

Grade Level: 5 - 9

## Customer Reviews

Seventh grade teacher here- I'm always searching for books that will tickle my students into wanting to read and this book is one that is going on the top of my list. The characters are heroic, the plot is action-packed, and the dialogue is playful. While enjoying a good read, my students will be picking up lots of information about the Westward Movement, pioneer life on the prairie, the U. S. in 1860. I hope the publisher prints a paperback soon so I can order copies for my classroom library.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to cross the prairies to the Rocky Mountains in a covered wagon? Going west during pioneer days was always a daunting task. Walking a thousand turkeys to Denver is mind blowing! When a 15 year old boy graduates from third grade you certainly don't think he has what it takes to begin a business venture of this sort, but what Simon lacks in book smarts he makes up with heart and honor. Theives, locusts and other adventures wait along the trail. It was so much fun to travel along with this kid who genuinely loves his turkeys. Don't miss out on the adventure.

Kathleen Karr hit a homer when she penned this story for kids. The Great Turkey Walk is fiction, but based on actual occurrences from the old west. When a very slow student finally gets his walking papers, he enters into an enterprise nobody else would have ever considered. The enterprise? Herding Turkeys to the Gold rush of Denver! His slow and difficult trip brings many adventures his way. He meets his long lost father, who desperately tries to steal his turkeys. He is surrounded by Indians. He meets a half crazed girl who becomes the love of his life. In the end, the dumb boy turns out to be smarter than he even thought he could be. It is a delight and my kids loved the book. Yours will too!

I am home educating my children and we read this at our family read aloud time. It was a really wonderful story. My daughter, who is 9, picked this out to read. I liked that the main character, Simon, had morals. He defended these morals in the book; children can see that good eventually wins out. Hard work also pays off! I have been recommending this book to all our friends.

I'm really surprised at all the negative opinions of this book. I just finished reading this to my 3 younger children and we all very much enjoyed it. I read it aloud with a southern drawl and had great fun bringing Simon Green, Bridwell Peece, Jabeth, and Lizzie alive. Give this book a chance. I'm very glad we did and I'd read it again in a heartbeat.

I can understand why several of the reviewers enjoyed sharing this book and listening to it on tape. I read it aloud to a 2nd grade class after enjoying it myself, and they thoroughly enjoyed it too. The tale is fun and wacky (walking TURKEYS across country? Really!). There are great characters (Simon isn't too bright, but he has a great heart, pride and determination and could teach all of us a thing or two...). And it is a lot of fun to read with someone or aloud to a group. Pick up the book and read it with your kids -- you may enjoy it even more that way.

I bought my first copy of this book at a garage sale. I enjoyed it so much that I bought a copy for each of my elementary students. The lessons this book teaches include: being yourself, perseverance, kindness, acceptance of others, and honesty. I highly recommend this book. I plan to purchase more books by this author.

After completing third grade for the fourth time, Simon Green is finished with school. Now he has to find a way to make a living. He comes up with an unbelievable plan to make a fortune. He's going to herd a flock of one thousand turkeys from Missouri to Denver where the price of turkeys is a whopping \$5 each. Along with a drover and a couple of companions he picks up along the way, Simon has an amazing trip through the old West meeting with runaway slaves and educated Indians, and being chased by his pa whom he first meets along the way. Reading this aloud to my sixth grade class, the sense of humor was a bit above many of them, but they thoroughly enjoyed the book.

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