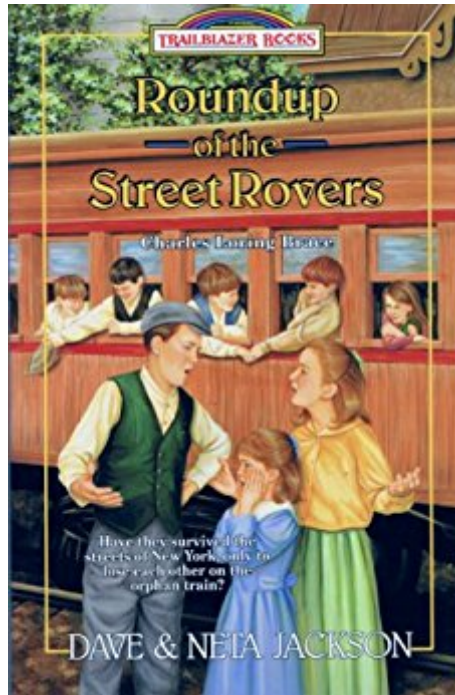




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Synopsis

For Kip O'Reilly, life on the streets doesn't seem all that bad. At least he and the other rovers have each other, and that's more than enough to keep them happy--well, as long as they can steal to survive. Just selling newspapers doesn't quite cut it. When Kip is finally caught stealing one morning, he's sent to jail. Fortunately for Kip, Rev. Brace of the Children's Aid Society bails him out, but only on the condition he comes to live at the Boys' Lodging House and starts earning an honest wage. When the opportunity comes for the children at the society to head west on the "orphan train" in search of families to take them in, Kip is on board. But when they reach the first town, it seems like everyone else is placed except Kip. Will his honesty about his past petty theft keep people from taking him in? ALL HE EVER WANTED WAS A FAMILY. . . . An adventure story, ideal for readers 8-12 years of age.

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Customer Reviews

Kip O'Reilly was sold by his father to a shoe tanner when he was eight. He ran away and, now thirteen, is a street rover, managing for his younger buddies and himself. When the boy is caught stealing, Rev. Brace is the only one who can help him out. The two only conditions - staying at the Aid Society and not stealing. This kind of life is so different from the one Kip lead. Can he manage?"Roundup of the Street Rovers" is part of the Trailblazer series. It talks about family relationships, and the life of the street rovers in the 19th century. This book doesn't really have God at the center of everything, but it does show how a life can change through contact with Christians. It introduces the historical figure Reverend Brace, making history interesting. 'Assuredly, I say to you, in as much as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Mathew 25:40b

Good read and a lot of history.

Written very well and is adventurous teaching Godly principles at the same time. Interesting for Adults as well as children.

great book

This book would be good for anyone wanting a little insight into what happened to orphan children before our current welfare system existed. The book can be read as an adventure story about orphan children surviving the streets of New York. It starts with a young orphan boy named Kip who runs with a group of boys who are simply trying to survive on the streets of New York with no adult assistance. It tells how they trade coal and find other ways to get food in order to survive. It even shows how easily they found themselves placed in jail or just disappearing off the streets to parts unknown. The story shows you a few different views of how children suddenly found themselves orphaned in the big city. You can't help but wonder what would have happened to children like this if the Children's Aid Society of New York hadn't been started by Rev. Charles Brace. Then, the story takes you through the children overhearing the adults discussing how the children will only remain dependent on society unless they can be placed in family situations. Then we learn about the orphan trains. I only vaguely remember reading about the orphan trains in the past, but after reading this book, I would like to learn more. This touching story takes you all the way from the streets of New York to the orphan children being placed with farm families in Michigan who love and care for them. There is list at the end of the story for further reading on Rev. Charles Loring Brace and the

orphan trains for people who want to learn more. This book is good for a boy, girl or adult who would like to read about how some orphan children survived in the late 1800s to the early 1920s.---

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