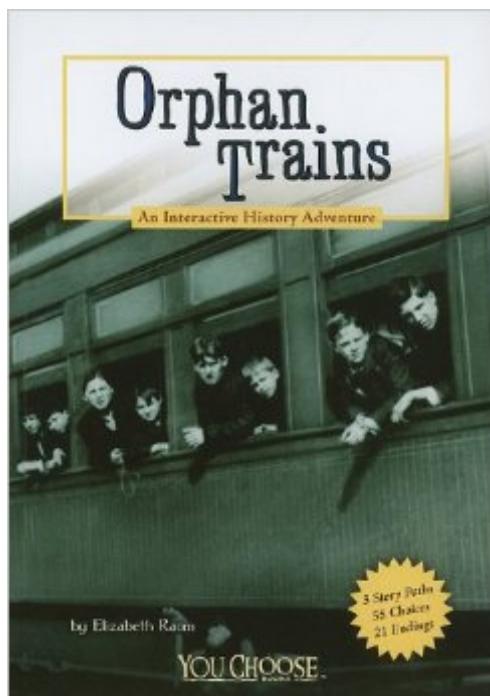


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# Orphan Trains: An Interactive History Adventure (You Choose: History)



## **Synopsis**

In the early 1900s, adults hoped to find parents for homeless city children by sending them west on trains. Most of these children had no idea whether they would find kind adoptive families or be forced to work like slaves. Will you: Head west after living on the streets of New York City? Search for a home for you and your three younger siblings? Try to care for yourself and your baby sister on your own?

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 4

## **Customer Reviews**

Between the 1850s and 1929, various Orphan Trains ran from the cities of the East out into the West, carrying orphan children to what was hoped would be a better life. In this You Choose History book, the reader is cast in the role of an orphan in New York City, who rides an Orphan Train. Along the way, the reader is given choices, and then directed to specific pages, where you see the results of the choices you made. For the most part this is a pretty good book. It's informative, while at the same time using the You Choose format to draw the reader into the narrative, really bringing it alive. It's an interesting book and a good read. By the way, if you are interested in the subject of the Orphan Trains, another good book is *Orphan Train Rider* by Andrea Warren, which tells the story of Alton Lou Clement, a real life Orphan Train rider!

My son loves history, so when I saw this series of books, there was no question, that I was going to get some of them for him. He is enjoying reading them so much ! He can choose between several characters and many different situations, that put him right there. I highly recommend these to anyone who wants to have their child feel like they are right there, living it.

I ordered this for my granddaughter who lives in another state. So I haven't personally seen the book myself but she reported that she liked it very much. In fact this was her favorite of the several interactive adventure books I purchased for her.

I am an educator and have used this book as it was written for but also for the kids to use some of the material for the National History Fair. It has to be one of the funnest ways for kids to learn history and ME TOO! I loved it and actually have others in the You choose Books. You will be happy with this purchase!

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I like the choose your own adventure aspect of this book. Lots of things to think about and the challenge of finding out the consequences of your choices.

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