

About the Author: Andrea Warren



I grew up in the little town of Newman Grove, Nebraska, with my parents, two brothers, two sisters, and our dog, Pepper. I always loved to read and write, and decided I would become an English teacher. I graduated from the University of Nebraska with a master's degree in British Literature. While teaching high school English and history in Hastings, Nebraska, I wrote my first stories for publication.

Later I moved to Lawrence, Kansas, to complete a master's degree in magazine journalism at the University of Kansas. After briefly editing a magazine and working as a newspaper reporter, I began my career as a freelance writer, contributing to many major magazines. I also began writing books. In 1996, Houghton Mifflin published my first nonfiction book for young readers, [*Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story*](#). I was encouraged by the success of this book to follow it with other books for young readers. They currently include [*Pioneer Girl: Growing Up on the Prairie*](#); [*Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps*](#); and [*We Rode the Orphan Trains*](#), a companion to my first orphan train book. I have a new book coming out in 2004 tentatively called [*Escape From Saigon: How a Vietnam War Orphan Became an American Boy*](#).

My books have won many awards, including the prestigious Boston Globe-Horn Book Award for [*Orphan Train Rider*](#). I've listed the major awards in the book sections, in case you're interested.

I write from my home office on the Kansas side of Kansas City and I'm currently at work on two more books of historical nonfiction for young readers.

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