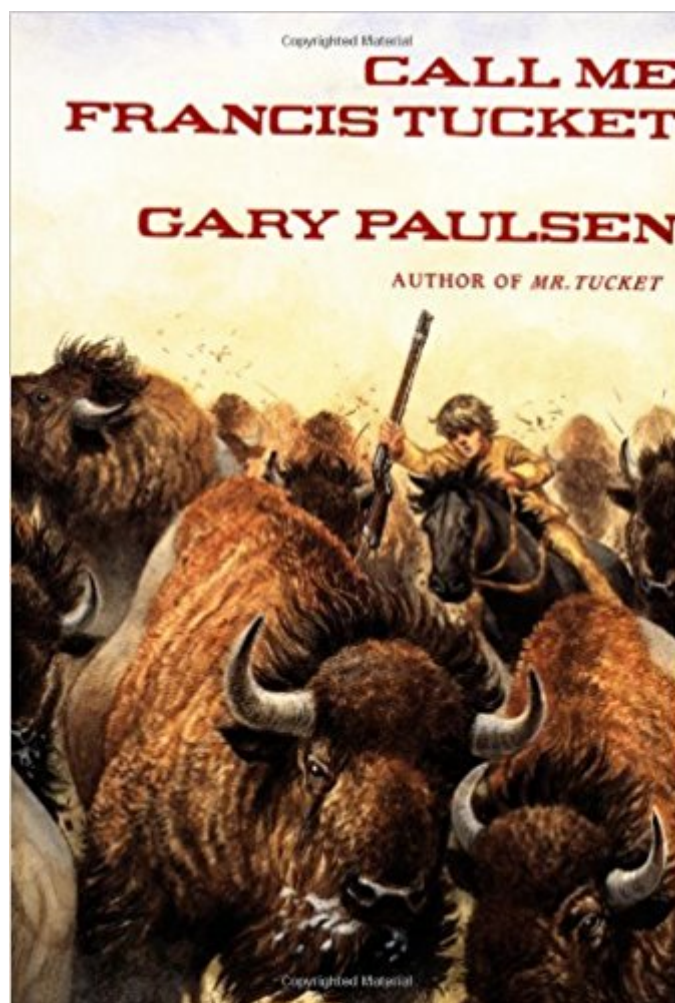


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# Call Me Francis Tucket (The Francis Tucket Books)



## Synopsis

Alone. Francis Tucket now feels more confident that he can handle almost anything. A year ago, on the wagon train, he was kidnapped from his family by a Pawnee hunting party. Then he escaped with the help of the mountain man, Mr. Grimes. Now that he and Mr. Grimes have parted ways, Francis is heading west on his Indian pony, crossing the endless prairie, trying to find his family. After a year with Mr. Grimes, Francis has learned to live by the harsh code of the wilderness. He can cause a stampede, survive his own mistakes, and face up to desperadoes. But when he rescues a little girl and her younger brother, Francis takes on more than he bargained for.

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## Customer Reviews

In a starred review of this follow-up to Mr. Tucket, PW said that Paulsen "weaves in a wealth of information about pioneer travel, adding historical value to this heart-stopping good read." Ages 10-up. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Grade 4-8? In this spirited sequel to Mr. Tuckett (Delacorte, 1994), Paulsen recounts the continuing frontier adventures of Francis Tuckett, 15. Heading west by wagon train with his family a year

before, Francis had been captured by the Pawnees and rescued by a savvy, one-armed mountain man. Now on his own, he is determined to return to civilization. Armed with a rifle and knowledge of the wilderness, he hunts deer and buffalo, survives a stampede, and outwits a pair of outlaws. When an abandoned wagon reveals two orphans, he takes charge, taking the children to a trading post and hesitantly leaving them with the cold, calculating owner. Traveling 10 miles, the young man is haunted by his own loss of family and returns to find Lottie and Billy beaten and burdened with chores. With fierce determination, he reclaims them and together they continue their westward journey. Francis is an understated, appealing character. His remarkable independence, resourcefulness, and perseverance are tempered by bouts of adolescent insecurity and an emotional need for family. Sharply etched characters, vivid scenery, and dramatic encounters make this book an entertaining read for young adventurers. ?Gerry Larson, Neal Middle School, Durham, NC Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Francis is much more grown up in this adventurous sequel to the first book in the series, "Mr. Tucket". Francis is on his own, having learned so many survival skills from Mr. Grimes in the previous book. Once again he is forced to have his possessions (horse, rifle, clothes) taken from him by force. But the outcome is different this time, since Francis is much wiser even if he is 14. He is able to take care of himself just as well as any adult. Francis helps some kids, hunts buffalo, meets with Indians, and other frontier activity. The mule in this book steals the show by the way. The only bad thing about this book is it is short. I read it in about an hour, and it is half the size of the first book. Don't get me wrong though, I sped through the book because you can't wait to turn the page and see what happens next. Mr. Grimes is not in this story. I can't wait to read the next book. I strongly recommend reading the book that comes first in the series before reading this, the second one.

My son loves this book series. Give it a try. He doesn't like to spend his time reading, but has really enjoyed these books. Gary Paulsen is a great author, and has kept all my boys reading his books at least!

The first book in the series, "Mr. Tucket", is a very exciting book and the second book keeps the adventure going! As a retired 4th grade teacher, I recommend this series for all kids but especially boys.

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My daughter loves it.

this is an awesome book I recommend reading the whole series for a real page tuner that awaits you every page with crisp and vibrant details. I'm a 10 year old and I recommend this to any kids in elementary ages from 6 to 10 because there's some violence and gore.

Great book - the boys in my class read the first book in the series, and couldn't wait till I ordered this one! It is full of action, adventure, suspense, besides being a historically accurate portrayal of life on the Oregon Trail. Great pick for 4th and 5th graders - especially for the boys.

Love this series.

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