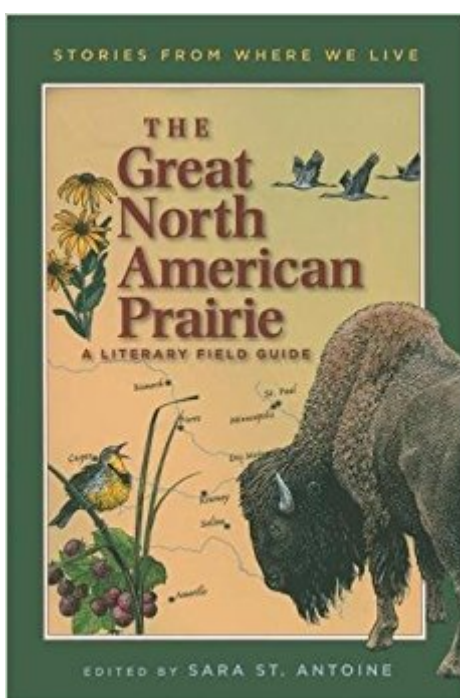


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# The Great North American Prairie: A Literary Field Guide (Stories From Where We Live)



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Gr. 4-8. This companion to *Stories from Where We Live: The North Atlantic Coast* (2000) includes stories, poems, journal entries, and essays that reflect life on the prairies of the U.S and Canada. The selections, both historical and contemporary, comprise a good mix of fiction and information, and reflect the ethnic diversity of the inhabitants. *St. Antoine* showcases familiar authors such as Carl Sandburg, Willa Cather, and Louise Erdrich, as well as lesser-known writers. Also valuable are the generous appendixes, which include maps of the region, a detailed discussion of various kinds of prairies, listings of flora and fauna, an index sorted by state or province, listings of parks and preserves, and bibliographies. Occasional line drawings break up the longer selections. A solid addition to classroom units that will yield some good read-alouds during long drives through the heartland. Kay Weisman  
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Wonderful book to bring the flavor of the prairie to the classroom as part of the study of geography.

This book is great for the classroom when covering either prairie ecosystems or demonstrating how different styles of writing can relate to one topic. Great stories for kids. I also use these stories when I am at the prairie preserve with a class.

These stories of the North American prairie lands provide a rich blend of generations of voices and stories of natural history and the land, blending poems, stories and essays with insights on both native peoples, geography and wildlife. The result is a multi-faceted collection which doesn't neatly fit into singular categories of natural history, geography or culture; but which embraces them all.

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