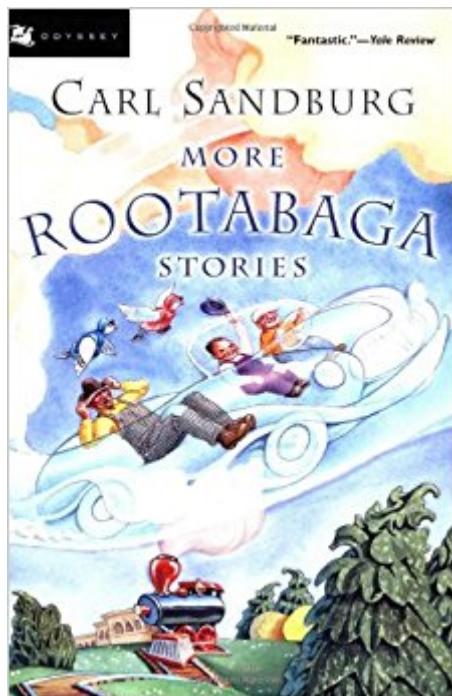


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# More Rootabaga Stories



## **Synopsis**

Welcome to Rootabaga Country--where the railroad tracks go from straight to zigzag, where the pigs wear bibs, and where the Village of Cream Puffs floats in the wind. You'll meet baby balloon pickers, flummysters, corn fairies, and blue foxes--and if you're not careful, you may never find your way back home! These beautiful new editions retain the original illustrations by Maud and Miska Petersham, and feature gorgeous new jackets by acclaimed illustrator Kurt Cyrus. Carl Sandburg's irrepressible, zany, and completely original Rootabaga Stories and More Rootabaga Stories will stand alone on children's bookshelves--when they aren't in children's hands.

## **Book Information**

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Grade Level: 2 - 5

## **Customer Reviews**

CARL SANDBURG (1878-1967) was twice awarded the Pulitzer Prize, first in 1940 for his biography of Abraham Lincoln and again in 1951 for Complete Poems. Before becoming known as a poet, he worked as a milkman, an ice harvester, a dishwasher, a salesman, a fireman, and a journalist. Among his classics are the Rootabaga Stories, which he wrote for his young daughters at the beginning of his long and distinguished literary career.

I grew up in the Mid West, and have always loved the prairie. Sadly it is the most endangered

habitat in the world, and well over 99% destroyed. Sandberg's stories of the Rutabaga country and the land of liver and onions really captures what the true feeling of this strange and lost world that was the prairie country. I long to be with Dippy the Wisp as she runs across the prairies and listens to stories told by Hatrack the Horse and the potato face blind man. I long to go to the train station so early in the morning and empty out my rag bag of all my spot cash money and buy a long slick yellow leather slab ticket with a blue spanch across it. I long to ride the train until the train runs out of tracks, and then forty ways further. Read this book to your children. Look up Sandberg reading this on youtube, and try to mimic his accent. Read this book to your children and make it part of their heritage. Read this book to your children and years later they will thank you for it. They may suffer when they speak in class of "Wednesday evening between the twilight and the gloaming" and nobody realizes that they are talking about a pigeon, or when they comment to a friend that they will never "sit with the sitters or knit with the knitters". Read this book to your children. They will grow up to be better people because you did.

Carl Sandburg wrote wonderful short stories for children. I knew these stories as a child and wanted to share them with my grandchildren.

I read a story from this book or its sequel almost every night to my child. The original book was lost on a trip and this purchase replaced it. The stories are wonderful and well written. I like Carl Sandburg and I am used to the cadence of his writing; which may be a little challenging at first. (but worth the effort!)

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