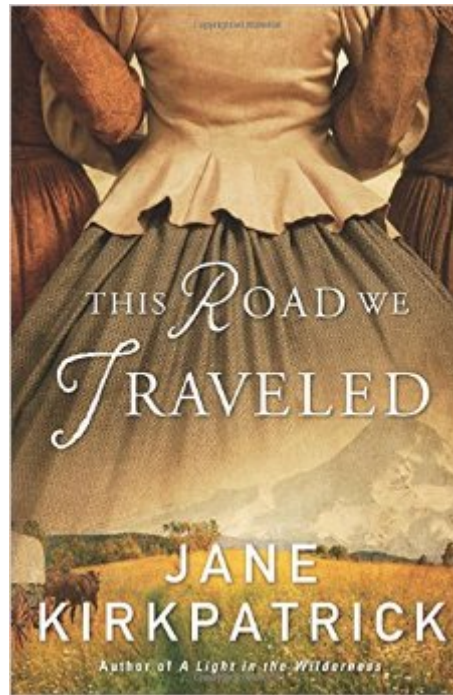


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# This Road We Traveled



## Synopsis

Drama, Adventure, and Family Struggles Abound as Three Generations Head West on the Oregon Trail. When Tabitha Brown's son makes the fateful decision to leave Missouri and strike out for Oregon, she refuses to be left behind. Despite her son's concerns, Tabitha hires her own wagon to join the party. Along with her reluctant daughter and her ever-hopeful granddaughter, the intrepid Tabitha has her misgivings. But family ties are stronger than fear. The trials they face along the way will severely test Tabitha's faith, courage, and ability to hope. With her family's survival on the line, she must make the ultimate sacrifice, plunging deeper into the wilderness to seek aid. What she couldn't know was how this frightening journey would impact how she understood her own life--and the greater part she had to play in history. With her signature attention to detail and epic style, New York Times bestselling author Jane Kirkpatrick invites readers to travel the deadly and enticing Oregon Trail. Based on actual events, *This Road We Traveled* will inspire the pioneer in all of us.

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The Road We Traveled provides a detailed account of the journey of Tabitha Moffat Brown, also known as the mother of Oregon. The book begins the account when Tabitha's son Orus returns to Missouri from his scouting trip to Oregon and convinces the family that there is a better life for them in Oregon. However, Orus believes that Tabitha will not be able to sustain the trip to Oregon and encourages her to stay in Missouri. Even though she has a club foot from childhood and she knows she would be a burden, Tabitha cannot fathom watching her all of her children and

grandchildren travel to Oregon and leaving her alone. When her late husband's brother John Brown suddenly arrives, she convinces John that they can make the trip together. What unfolds is a tale of fun, fear, sadness, separation, starvation, and most importantly faith as the family makes the trek to Oregon. The journey continues once the family arrives in Oregon. Orus has already claimed his place in the forest grove. Her daughter and son-in-law decided to stay in Salem. Not wanting to be a burden to anyone, Tabitha and her changeling Nellie, who was left behind by her family on the trail, end up staying with a pastor and his wife. Eventually, Tabitha begins to realize that her work is not done. When she discovers how many children are orphaned along the Oregon trail, she feels that something must be done. She first convinces people that a school must be set up. Then some time later a university first known as Tualatin Academy, now known as Pacific University. And eventually the statehood of Oregon. It becomes clear why she is known as the mother of Oregon. This tale was a wonderfully written story that covers a time of history that is well known, but probably not well studied.

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