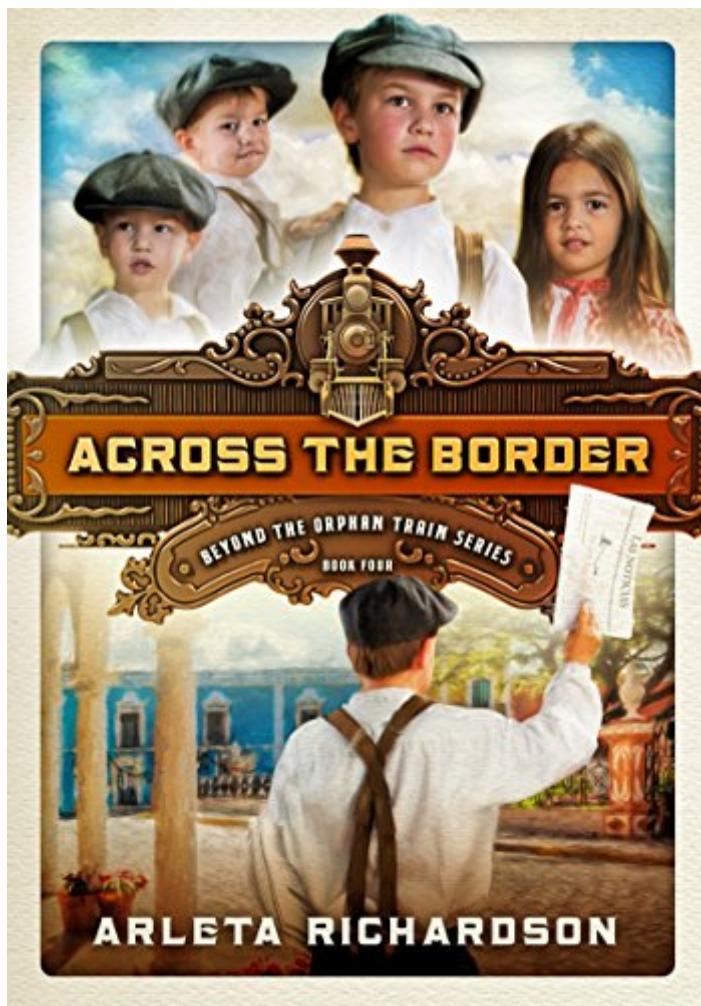


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# Across The Border (Beyond The Orphan Train Book 4)



## **Synopsis**

Life on the Rush farm in South Dakota is not easy. Even so, over the past four years, Ethan Cooper and his siblings have grown to feel they belong with their adoptive family. Then Chad Rush makes an unexpected announcement. The family is moving again—this time to Mexico! Ethan is scared. What dangers will they face in another country? What will it be like to live on an oil homestead instead of a farm? And what about his dreams of getting an education? He can't leave his siblings after he's promised they would stay together—can he? Based on a true story, this conclusion to the Beyond the Orphan Train series reminds us that the same God who is with us from the start never lets us go.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Very good with references to God's love and protection. I have enjoyed the entire series. Would highly recommend to anyone.

The story of the Canadian orphans who were the backbone of our nation - is well worth reading. It is written in fast moving style, keeping young readers attention and eager to read more. Get all five of the series and see the resourcefulness, work ethics and humor of these children and young people as they faced life with hardships but endurance and joy, having a trust in God.

Thankyou

It is the story of my father-in-law. I needed additional copies for friends to whom this was directed. Thank you.

Great deal!!

I had hoped the Orphan Train series would appeal to my 9 year old daughter who is a voracious reader, but her interest just didn't go past the first few pages. So, I read the four books, and I could see why it was difficult to get past the beginning. Ethan's story starts out pretty sadly and seriously. And, for the most part, the book continues to keep the somber theme. The story felt like several small incidents that weren't tied in smoothly. I loved that Ethan was a real boy. *And* and I loved knowing that these events really happened: like painting the pig, the circus train, and Pancho Villa! *And* but the overall flow of the story was a bit choppy. Because Ethan's new family wasn't really loving, in a nurturing and compassionate way, I only felt sorry for him and his siblings, wishing for them the same tender care that his friend Bert received. Eh, but that's life...and history. Like Mrs. Richardson, the orphan trains fascinate me...and I enjoyed hearing a true-to-life, less-than-glamorous tale. Still, the Orphan Train series is worth the read. Just be aware it's a bit more serious than most children's books. Perhaps my daughter *And* or son *And* will prefer these books when they hit the higher end of the recommended age bracket (8-12).\* I received a free copy in exchange for an honest review. No other compensation was given, and all thoughts are 100% mine.\*

The Beyond the Orphan Train series includes 4 books: Looking for Home, Whistle-Stop West, Prairie Homestead, and Across the Border, all written by Arleta Richardson. My review will include all 4 books in the series. The series was about a young boy, Ethan, and his 3 younger siblings, who were orphaned by their mother and abandoned by their father. Their older siblings could no longer care for them, and thus, the adventure begins for Ethan and his younger brothers and sister as they

search for a permanent home. I thought the series was awesome for several reasons. The series is geared toward the tween audience, but being an adult, I really found that these books held my interest in finding out what would happen next with these orphans. I liked reading all about their trials and adventures. The supporting characters were great too and was sad when some of them had to be written out of the story. I liked the fact that the series was based on a real life Ethan and his life growing up as an orphan. I have read about orphan trains and wanted to study up on them for some time. I found this book true to fact, that this was how orphans and kids abandoned by their parents were taken care of before the foster care system came into existence. I really like the faith of Ethan and the other characters. Ethan and his siblings went through difficult times, but had learned that their faith in God and being together can help them get through any trial. I loved Ethan's love for his younger siblings and him wanted to take care of them and to stay together. My favorite line in the entire series...paraphrasing here...(as the orphans were getting off the train to be resettled with their new families)...if we can all see the same stars, are we really that far apart? And I loved the friendship between Bert and Ethan... Bert giving Ethan his prized key and Ethan giving Bert his art book. Rating: 5 out of 5 stars. I received this series from NetGalley and David C Cook in exchange for a review.

Beyond the Orphan Train series by Arleta Richardson contains four books in one. Beyond the Orphan Train contains Looking for Home, Whistle-Stop West, West Prairie Homestead, and Across the Border. The books show the life of Ethan Cooper from May 1907 through May 1912. Ethan is eight years old at the beginning of the series and he promised to take care of his younger siblings. The family's mother passed away and their father took off. The older siblings all have jobs and cannot take care of the younger children. Ethan, Simon, William, and Alice are sent to an orphanage where they eventually get on an orphan train headed west. The orphanage hopes that each child will find a home. The Cooper children want to find a home for all of the together (which is next to impossible). Join Ethan and the other children on an adventure to find forever families. Beyond the Orphan Train is well-written and easy to read (has a good flow). The stories are for children, but I believe that readers of all ages will enjoy these heartwarming stories as well. They are Christian stories that include history (from the areas including Pancho Villa) and talking points at the end (that you can use with kids especially if reading the book in a class or for homeschooling). I enjoyed these sweet stories. The book emphasized that God is always with you if you believe (have faith). I give Beyond the Orphan Train 5 out of 5 stars. I received a complimentary copy of Beyond the Orphan Train from NetGalley in exchange for an honest evaluation of the novel.

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