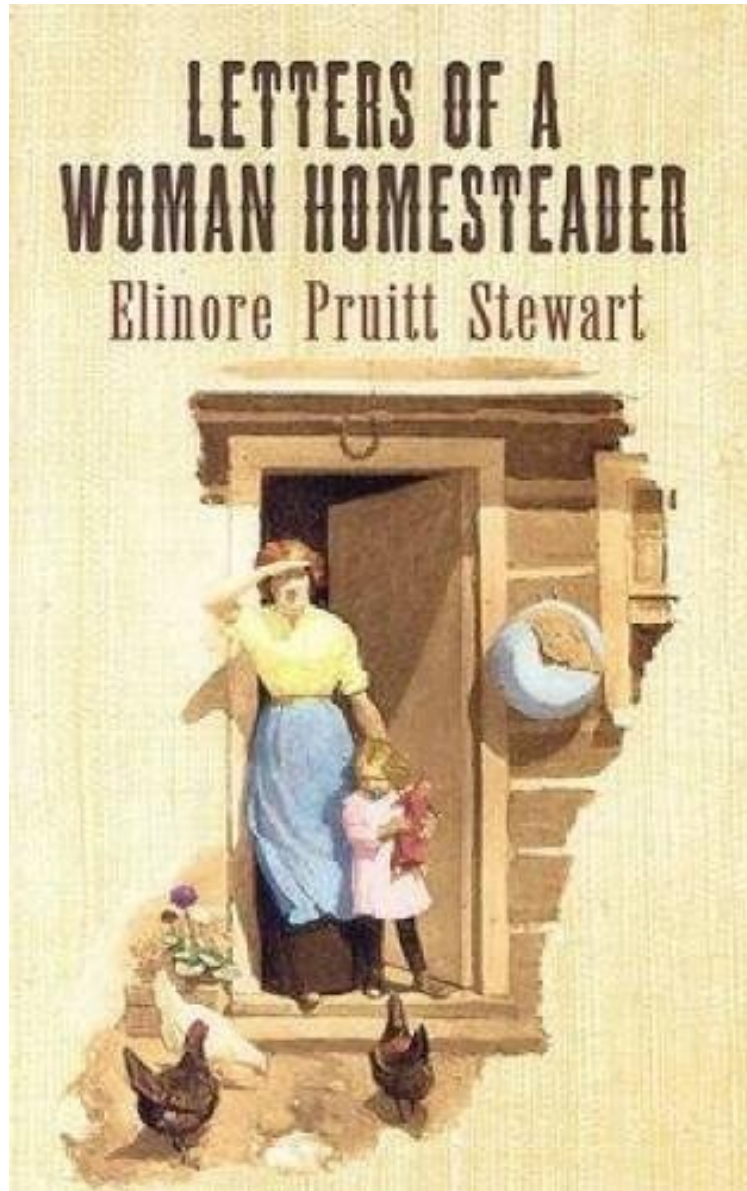


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**Elinore Pruitt Stewart : Letters of a Woman Homesteader (Dover Books on Americana)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Letters of a Woman Homesteader (Dover Books on Americana):

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read MANY! Thankfully, the editors resisted the urge to "correct" spelling errors and grammatical mistakes, thus giving the reader a better understanding of the writer. I found myself drawn into the story immediately and couldn't wait to get to the next chapter/letter. Elinore Stewart was indeed a "writer" of the highest degree. Her ability to draw the reader into the story is unrivaled and her descriptions of the West - the sunsets, the mountains, fields of grain, the homesteads - everything she writes about seems to come alive. I found myself becoming extremely disappointed as I neared the end of the book, for I was left wanting MORE. Nothing less than a full NOVEL would have left me satisfied and even then, I'm sure I would have still wanted more. The reading is so enjoyable and flows beautifully so that even a young person doing research for a school project would enjoy this little book as reference material. I was sad to see my small book come to an end and would have loved to read more and more of the letters written to her old employer/friend. I heartily recommend this book to anyone seeking knowledge of women homesteaders in the American West, or to anyone simply wanting an enjoyable read where you are drawn into the life of the writer and her family before you even realize it. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. InspiringBy Constance Feathers This book was a great read. My maiden name is Pruitt, which is not too common, and is why I chose it in the first place. I would certainly be proud to have Elinore as a relative, as she astounded me with her skills and fearlessness. She takes her child out camping overnight in the woods, where she kills their dinner, dresses it, cooks it over a fire she has started by herself. She does this because she considers it fun, but it was a tremendous amount of work, not to mention dangerous. I love her sense of humor. And this account tells us just how tough our pioneers were. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. They were made of hardy stuff! By Barbara J Loved the letters. What a woman!!

As a young widow with a small child, Elinore Pruitt left Denver in 1909 and set out for Wyoming, where she hoped to buy a ranch. Determined to prove that a lone woman could survive the hardships of homesteading, she initially worked as a housekeeper and hired hand for a neighbor a kind but taciturn Scottish bachelor whom she eventually married. Spring and summers were hard, she concedes, and were taken up with branding, farming, doctoring cattle, and other chores. But with the arrival of fall, Pruitt found time to take her young daughter on camping trips and serve her neighbors as midwife, doctor, teacher, Santa Claus, and friend. She provides a candid portrait of these and other experiences in twenty-six letters written to a friend back in Denver. Described by the Wall Street Journal as "warmly delightful, vigorously affirmative," this unsurpassed classic of American frontier life enhanced with original illustrations by N. C. Wyeth will charm today's audience as much as it fascinated readers when it was first published in 1914.

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