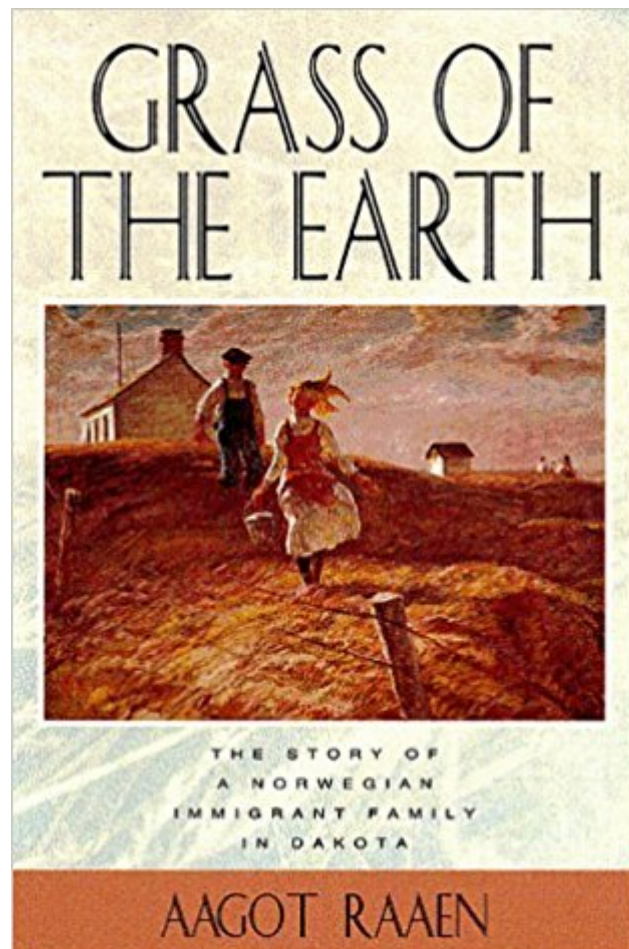




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Synopsis

This is an engaging, richly detailed biography of a family of Norwegian immigrant homesteaders in eastern North Dakota in the late 1800s. Educator and world traveler Aagot Raaen wrote this reminiscence late in her life. Like *Giants in the Earth* and *Old Jules*, *Grass of the Earth* deals frankly with a darker side of pioneer life on the prairie.

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I grew up on a second-generation Norwegian Immigrant farm in the middle of North Dakota. So, from an early age I was involved in churning butter, rolling and turning lefse, living without electricity, refrigeration, indoor plumbing and helping cows and ewes give birth. I found the descriptions in this book to be old news; been there done that, although 40 years later. Not new as well, was the drive of Norwegian immigrants and their children to get an education, to absorb Lutheran dogma and ideals, and, sadly, for men to gravitate to alcohol at times. A sense of community was almost genetic. For readers with urban experiences, this book will provide new insights into how difficult immigration was, and how very hard and never-ending was physical labor,

This is an excellent immigrant memoir especially for those with Scandinavian or upper Midwest roots, but good for anyone interested fascinating characters unfolding like a flower in the details of life in the latter half of the 19th century.

Great

A good read

Well written! I also read her second book!

Book was received in a timely manner. Book was reasonably prices and in great condition. I was a little disappointed in the writing itself. Thought it would be more like Giants in the Earth. Does give interesting detail about specifics on how activities were accomplished.

I enjoyed the stories of pioneer life

A good review of the ND settlers.

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