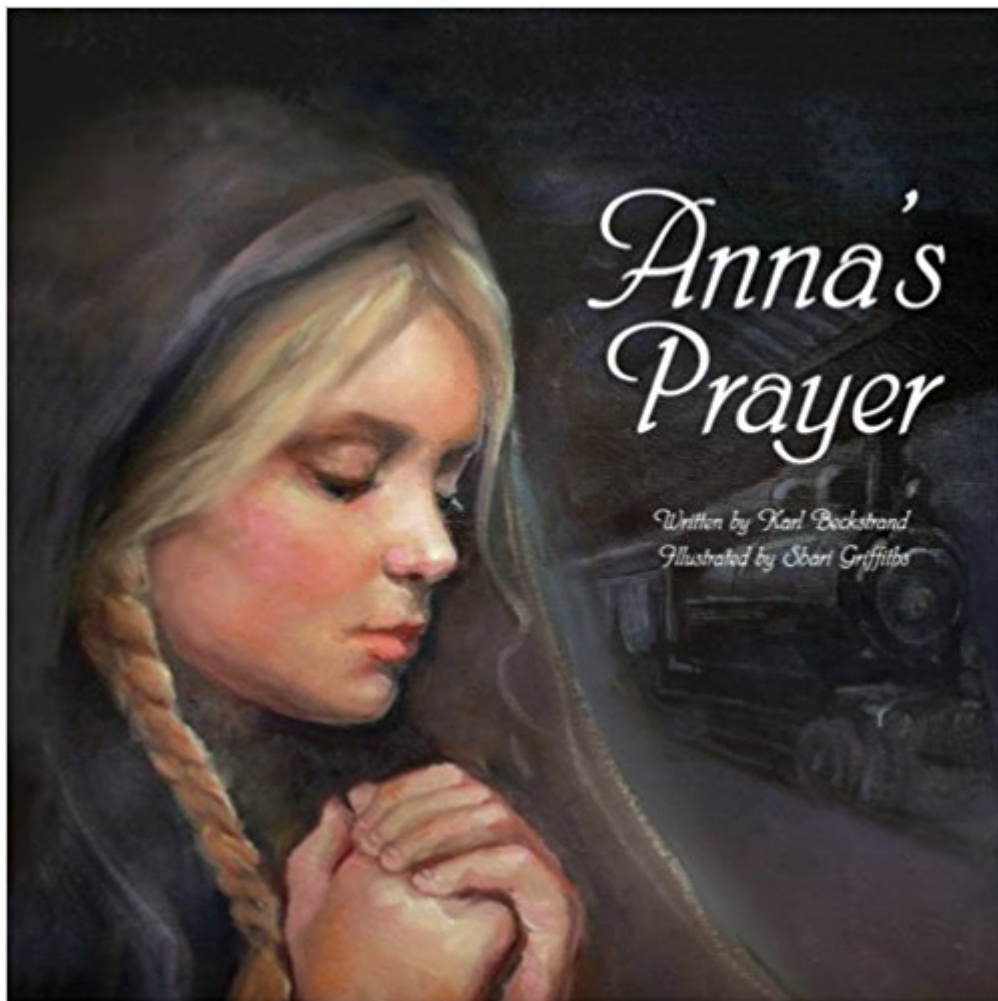




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Anna's Prayer: The True Story Of An Immigrant Girl (Young American Immigrants)



Synopsis

(Nonfiction, biography) Second printing. “Tapping into the most powerful interest on the planet—the hunger to know who we are and where we come from! Greatest story for young and old alike.” - Jeff Gallup, TV producer. The true story of Anna Anderson, a young girl living in Sweden in the 1880s with her sister, Ida, and her mother. The women are poor but happy. The little family is persecuted when they change religions, and Anna’s mother has trouble finding work. Eventually, she sends Anna and Ida to America without her to find a better life. Because Ida must work in Idaho, the sisters separate, and little Anna travels alone to Salt Lake City. Late at night, Anna arrives at the train station—but her female host is not there to meet her as arranged. Unable to speak English, the child prays that Heavenly Father will send someone to help her—someone who speaks Swedish. But the answer to Anna’s prayer goes beyond what she could have imagined. Set in an important era of American immigration history, this picture book about a real immigrant child transcends culture and time, lauding the courage, faith, and hope of all who seek a better life. 1,000 words by award-winning children’s author Karl Beckstrand (Mini-mysteries for Minors [multicultural/bilingual series]), illustrated by Shari Griffiths (ages 4 and up). 30-page, 8.5”x8.5” soft cover or hard cover (also an ebook) hybrid picture book on family (Young American Immigrants series, worldwide rights © 2017 Premio Publishing) PremioBooks.com, Baker & Taylor/Follett, Brodart, Ingram, /Kindle, Barnes & Noble/Nook, Overdrive, iTunes, Kobo, and select retailers. JNF007120, JNF053240, JNF025200, JNF038060, JNF007080, JNF057000, LCCN: 2013913404, eISBN: 9781370706174, Hard ISBN: 978-0985398866, Soft ISBN: 978-0615856179

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I actually bought this book because I am related to Anna's sister. Thought it would be an awesome book to have on the shelf. I was pleasantly surprised! Good job!

Anna was my great grandmother's sister. They came to America together. I was disappointed that it was a children's book.

Author Karl Beckstrand learned of his family's heritage (at least from one particular branch), and wrote this children's story, *Anna's Prayer* is the story of his immigrant ancestors. Anna lived with her mother and sister in Sweden. When they joined the Mormon church, they were persecuted and her mother was fired. Her mother ultimately decided to send her and her sister to America. The book tells of Anna's journey, first by boat to the United States, then by train to Utah. It tells of her struggles as a young girl alone in America, unable to speak English. Anna remembers, though, what her mama told her -- that her Heavenly Father understands her. God answered her prayer for a Swedish speaker and then some! The book, of course, revolves around a Mormon young girl. However, there is nothing in the text that would offend or concern me as a conservative Protestant Christian. It's a sweet story about trust in a Father who cares for us wherever we are, and an eye-opening peek into the difficulties our ancestors faced in coming here -- in a context perfect for children to understand. (This review is adapted from one which appeared on my blog when the hardcover version came out.)

I was thrilled reading this story that resonates so powerfully with me and I'm not even Swedish!. All of us have stories from our family histories that are worthy of sharing with the world. As a Historian, Genealogy enthusiast and Grandfather I want so much for my family to feel the joy that comes from discovering their "roots" and understanding how faith and inspiration can come from that experience. I was privileged to film my family in pursuit of our Ancestors and their life experiences while making episode 5 of the national PBS series *ANCESTORS*, 2000. Karl Beckstrand is tapping into the most powerful interest on the planet - the hunger to know who we are and where we come from! Thanks - I hope everyone will enjoy your newest work as we did. And thanks for the Free E copy! Jeff Gallup Independent Writer / Producer

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This story is elegantly sweet and tender. It gives me hope for those who may come from such circumstances, that they will likewise be blessed. I like this author very much.

What a beautiful book! The story is wonderful and the illustrations are stunning. All American families had their start elsewhere, and this story made me want to learn more about my first ancestors who immigrated to America. "Anna's Prayer" would make a great gift for any child--or adult, for that matter.

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