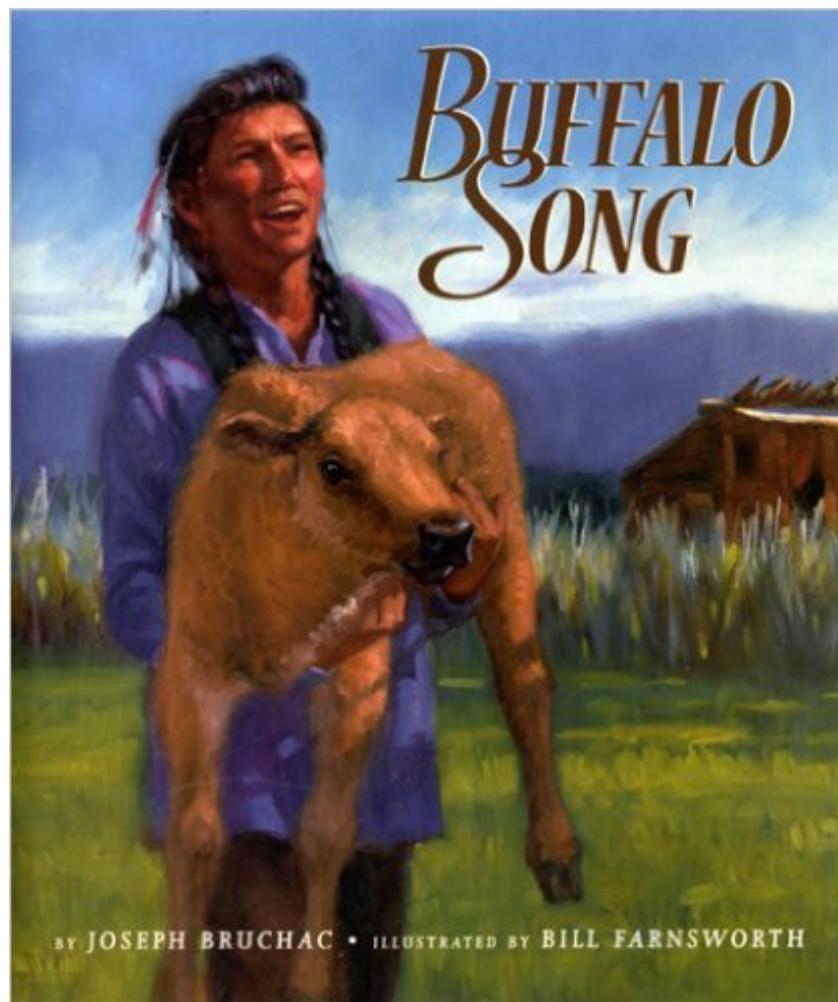


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## Synopsis

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## Book Information

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Hardcover: 40 pages

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Age Range: 6 - 11 years

Grade Level: 1 - 6

## Customer Reviews

A confused, hungry, and frightened buffalo calf has lost her mother and the rest of her herd to white hunters. Rescued by two members of the Nez Perce tribe who happened to pass by and find her, she is taken to a small refuge for buffalo orphans started and run by Walking Cayote and his wife Mary. They nurse the calf back to health, and along with several other buffalo orphans, make the dangerous journey across a large mountain pass in order to deliver the buffalo to a larger sanctuary and pasture for grazing. The orphans ultimately wind up at the Flathead Indian Reservation in Montana where, together with other buffalo that Walking Cayote and other like-minded individuals rescued, they prosper and grow into a herd of about seven hundred. Based on actual events, this powerful story describes the successful efforts of Walking Cayote and Mary to help stop the endangerment of the buffalo. Walking Cayote and Mary share an undeniable bond with the buffalo they adopt, and they transform this compassion and respect for the animals into a courageous and long-term agenda to rescue them from extinction. Teachers and parents can use the book to teach valuable lessons in economics related to scarcity and natural resources. With stunning illustrations

and text that draws on meticulous research, this book is a treasure.

Buffalo Song is a children's picturebook based on the wondrous true story of the first efforts made to save the buffalo, an animal sacred to Native Americans that was almost hunted to extinction - by the 1870s less than fifteen hundred remained. Individuals such as Walking Coyote stepped forward to rescue buffalo orphans, and bring back the buffalo herds one animal at a time. Superbly brought to life with soft full-color illustrations, Buffalo Song carries a timeless message of conservation and respect, and is highly recommended for public library children's picturebook collections.

I read the picture book Buffalo Song. The book is about a calf and its journey of growing in age, growing into a large herd of buffalo, and becoming a leader. I liked how the author showed the buffalo's life and him growing up. I didn't like how slow the book started though. A stereotype that the book has though is that all Native Americans like and depend on buffalo. The book was really authentic and truthful because when one of the men was singing to the calf, it really showed how he wanted to be one with the buffalo. My favorite character was Walking Coyote because he helped save the buffalos and the calf. I feel like the intended audience would be for young adults, 11, 12, 13ish. I would recommend this book to people who really like buffalo or Native Americans.

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