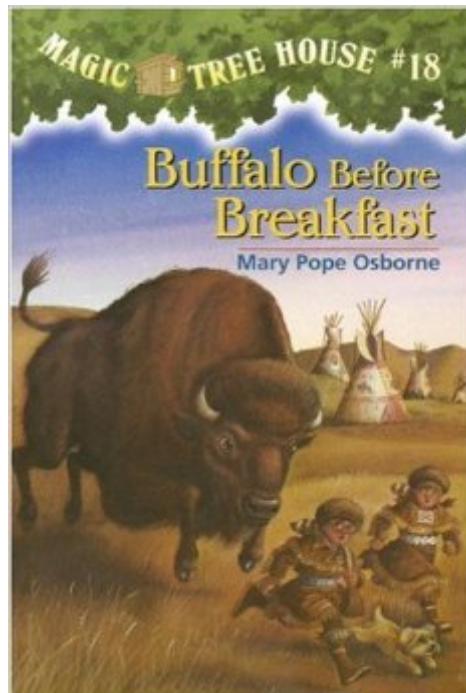


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# Buffalo Before Breakfast (Magic Tree House #18)



## Synopsis

Jack and Annie are ready for their next fantasy adventure in the bestselling middle-grade series—the Magic Tree House! Hello, buffalo! That's what Jack and Annie say when the Magic Tree House whisks them and Teddy, the enchanted dog, back almost 200 years to the Great Plains. There they meet a Lakota boy who shows them how to hunt buffalo. But something goes wrong! Now they need to stop a thousand buffalo from stampeding! Visit the Magic Tree House website! [MagicTreeHouse.com](http://MagicTreeHouse.com)

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## Customer Reviews

I have been reading this series with my nephew for the last year or so. Our favorite so far was the Titanic installment, but this one was very good as well. We learned about the legend of white buffalo woman, the fate of the buffalo, the uses of the buffalo and the real name of buffalo (bison). The illustrations by Sal Murdocca are vivid and add a lot to these books. Especially refreshing in this book was that the Lakota are not made to speak like illiterates but use the language as ably as Jack and Annie. This time around, Jack has his nose in a book the whole time while Annie is more adventurous. Jack does come to the rescue of his Lakota guide, however, and earns the name "Rides Like Wind." Jack's notetaking ought to help young readers learn the fundamentals of writing reports, and his research reveals some of the most interesting facts. Both my nephew and I learn

something from The Magic Tree House books. I for one went to bed that night with visions of the Plains grass undulating like a sea. I hope Mary Pope Osborne, like Barbara Park, continues writing letters to her readers in each book.

In the course of this easy chapter-book adventure, two young explorers magically travel to the Great Plains of the U.S., to a Lakota village. There they learn of Lakota customs and beliefs, gain an appreciation for the Lakota ways, learn about a part of U.S. history not always taught to elementary students, and model respect for a culture different from their own. Readers will enjoy exciting elements of an impending buffalo stampede, a wild rescue on horseback, and a sighting of the legendary White Buffalo Woman. Although the children are needing to complete a task to help free a dog as a part of a larger story (books #17-#20), this book stands on its own pretty well too. My first grade students were fascinated when I read this book aloud, and begged for more. I'm planning to increase the number of Magic Tree House books in my classroom this coming year.

A really neat series of books, although you CAN read them individually, it's just nicer to read them in order to understand what is really going on. These series are chapter books my son and I sit and read it for about 30 minutes or so. Very interesting, keeping our attention. Just enough 'Science' to keep it educational but yet enough imagination in it to keep it fun too. Each book apparently will have a 'guide' to the two children in the book but to the reader-listener it will give History lesson or a Science lesson to the time frame of where the children are. There is a Prologue at the beginning to summarize up what the Magic Tree House is and the cards with ML on them are for those that haven't read the other books. In this book the kids in the story and the children reading (listening) learn about the Lakota Indians before they were forced off their land. How they lived, how they felt and believed. In the back of this book is an additional few pages of information on the Indians that Ms Osborne didn't write in the story for additional information for the reader. Really nice story

This is one of my favorites, probably my 3rd. I like buffalo and Indians, especially because of what fun they cause on good western movies, like "How The West Was Won", and the Indians got off to a good start in "Stagecoach", "The War Wagon", and especially "The Pony Express. Another reason why this book exceeds 5,000 stars is because of all the fun there is, it seems like a Hardy Boys book rather than a learning book. But for some reason I'm starting to think that the more action there is in a Magic Tree House book, the more learning topics the book has. Definitely one of the Top Five, too good to say Top Ten.

The Magic Tree House books are a MUST READ collection for all children. Unlike many other series for young readers, the Magic Tree House should be read in chronological order to best appreciate Jack and Annie's travels through time as they go on various missions; which are typically completed in four parts. Parents and educators will enjoy going along for the ride as much as their students! My daughter is a teenager now but she still gets excited when she sees a new tree house adventure has come out.

He's still reluctant, but there was less whining and he's quite proud about finishing his first chapter book. This series has such a wide variety of topics, it's easy to find one to go with whatever history you are working on at the moment.

This time, Jack and Annie traveled to old America living natives American around 1800. They were Lakota tribe. Jack and Annie met a boy named Black Hawk. They learn about Lakota manners. And they went to watch buffalo and happened a accident. But Teddy went to graze of buffalo, a beautiful woman appeared and saved them. At finally, they were gave a feather as gift from grandmother of Black Hawk. I can learn about a lifestyle of Lakota Indian and old American land.

Jack and Annie will travel to the Great Plains of North America in Buffalo before Breakfast and learn about the Lakota Indians. They are on a quest to find the four special gifts that will help them free Teddy from a magic spell. When they meet, Black Hawk, (a ten-year-old Lakota boy) he invites the children to his village. As usual, Jack is a bit worried about going with him, but Annie is all excited and ready to go. While spending time with Black Hawk they have the chance to learn many things about buffalo and all they necessary items that come from the buffalo. All parts of the buffalo are used to make their tepee, tools, ropes, sleds and foods. Black Hawk tells them the importance of  
• Never taking more buffalo than we need. •

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