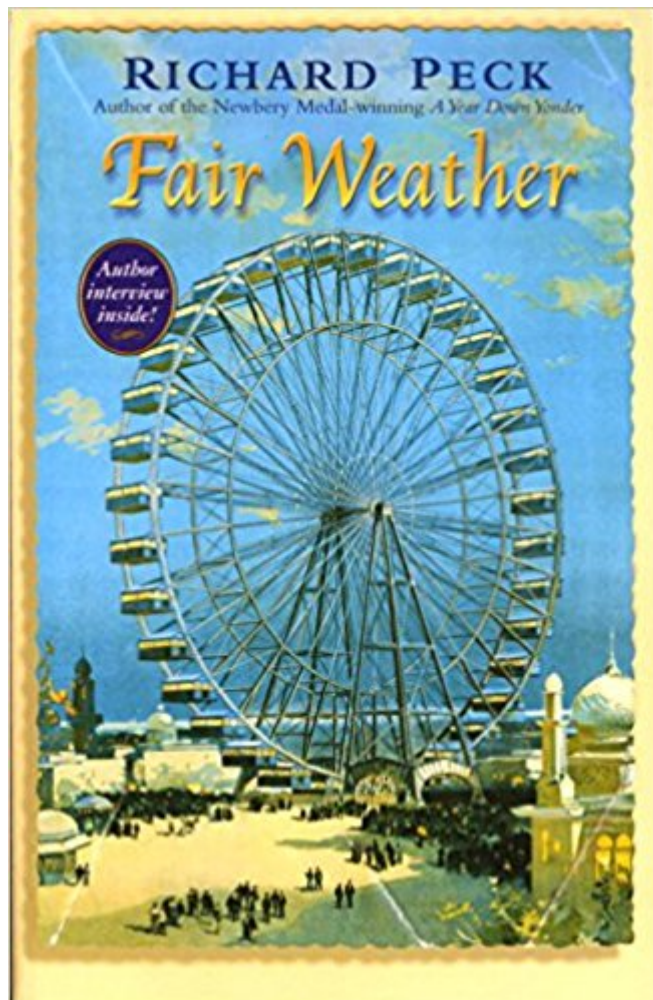


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Thirteen-year-old Rosie Beckett has never strayed further from her family's farm than a horse can pull a cart. Then a letter from her Aunt Euterpe arrives, and everything changes. It's 1893, the year of the World's Columbian Exposition--the "wonder of the age"--a.k.a. the Chicago World's Fair. Aunt Euterpe is inviting the Becketts to come for a visit and go to the fair! Award-winning author Richard Peck's fresh, realistic, and fun-filled writing truly brings the World's Fair--and Rosie and her family--to life.

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Granddad emits a strangled sound, 13-year-old Rosie pitches right off her chair, and young Buster just vibrates. What event catapults the Beckett family into such a state? The arrival of a letter from distant Chicago--and not just a letter, an invitation from Mama's elusive, wealthy sister Aunt Euterpe. She decides that it's high time for the children to see the world beyond "the four walls of a one-room country schoolhouse." And what better opportunity than the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, to honor the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America? Spanish nobility, President Cleveland, and Ferris wheels, oh my! Richard Peck, Newbery Medal-winning author of *A Year Down Yonder*, paints a charming portrait of a 19th-century farming family turned upside down by a visit to the big city. Narrator Rosie is friendly and funny as she describes the instant (if not entirely successful) citification of her family, encounters with Buffalo Bill himself, and her own delightfully eccentric Granddad who named his horse after Lillian Russell (which is just fine until they meet her at the fair). This wonderful, witty glimpse into 19th-century America--sprinkled with historical

photographs--concludes with an insightful essay on the Exposition. Heartily recommended. (Ages 10 and older) --Karin Snelson --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

After spinning two yarns about city kids having madcap adventures in the country (*A Long Way From Chicago*; *A Year Down Yonder*), Peck plays the flip side here, hilariously relating what happens when three farm children take on the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. The narrator, 13-year-old Rosie Beckett, isn't quite sure what inspired her mother to allow Rosie and her two siblings to visit rich Aunt Euterpe in a "place with a million or so people, most of them criminals," but she suspects it has something to do with her wanting to separate Rosie's older sister, Lottie, from her suitor, "a drifter and probably a grifter." In any case, Lottie, Rosie and their younger brother, Buster, accompanied by their flamboyant grandfather, nearly burst with excitement as they embark on the biggest adventure of their lives. Peck fluidly works in the children's sense of awe as they observe the skyscrapers and the smooth surface of city roads. Meanwhile, the Becketts' boisterous spirits prove to be a little overwhelming for their widowed aunt (who still dresses in black after being a widow for four years). During the first 48 hours in Chicago, the Beckett clan manages to run off the household help and embarrass their aunt in front of some of Chicago's most prominent ladies. Luckily, things take a turn for the better, and later experiences riding a Ferris wheel, seeing Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show and discovering Granddad Fuller is old pals with Buffalo Bill himself are as thrilling for Aunt Euterpe as for her less sophisticated kin. Peck's unforgettable characters, cunning dialogue and fast-paced action will keep readers of all ages in stitches as he captures a colorful chapter in American history. Ages 10-up. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Fantastic book! I love Richard Peck! He is my favorite young adult author. I am an elementary teacher and I recommend his books to all my students. They are hilarious with wonderful characters always. Grandma Dowdy is the greatest character of all. this book featured several other characters that you just love. There is always a twist, and this story did not disappoint in the least! I highly recommend this book and this author. One thing to note. There are two Richard Peck's. Both do a great job, but this one is really my all time favorite! We have often taken car trips and listened to these books. It's kind of a family affair that we all enjoy!

It was a delightful story of an Aunt who sent tickets to her sister and the children to come to the Chicago Worlds Fair in 1893. I personally have a hankie that was brought from that World's Fair

from one of my husbands ancestors. Richard Peck does a marvelous job of writing for young people and makes things come to life. Any one who reads this book will certainly remember it and love it.

My daughter and I love reading Richard Peck - they are great books to read out loud. Very colorful characters and good stories.

it is a good period piece but there is almost no humour in it, compared to Mr. Peck's Grandma Dowdel stories.

I have read several of Richard Peck's books and this is one of my favorites. I love the grandfather in this book. What a character. There is a surprise at the end of this book, but you don't want to sneak a look because you won't understand the surprise. After reading the book I got on line to read more about the Chicago World Fair.

If I were to recommend a fair book to someone it would be this one it was a good book and I think you should read it if you are trying to decide if you should read this book or not.

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