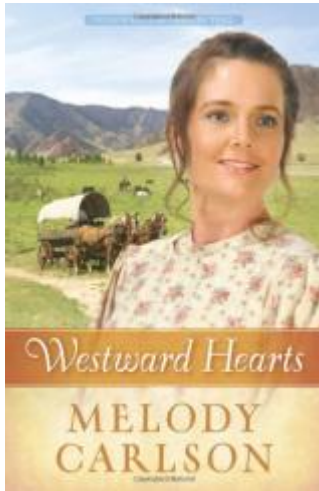


## Westward Hearts: Homeward on the Oregon Trail, Book 1

by Melody Carlson

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### About the Book

Bestselling author Melody Carlson begins an inspiring new series of adventure and romance on the Oregon Trail.

Kentucky, 1854. Elizabeth Martin has mourned her husband's death for three years, but now she feels ready to fulfill the dream they had shared --- to take their two children west. The dream becomes reality when her middle-aged parents and bachelor brother surprise her with the news that they want to go as well.

After converting three of their best wagons to prairie schooners and thoroughly outfitting them, the little party travels from Kentucky to Kansas City, where they join a substantial wagon train. Elizabeth soon finds herself being drawn to the group's handsome guide, Eli Kincade.

The long journey and deepening relationships challenge the travelers to their core, and Eli's mysterious past leaves Elizabeth with more questions than answers. She knows there's no turning back, but she wonders *What have I gotten myself into?*

### Discussion Guide

### Author Bio

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