



# Parable of the Wheel

Harvey Mast

There is under our roof a small furry rodent whose name is Chippy Brown. And he belongeth to my daughter.

Now Chippy hath great zeal, but he hath not much understanding. And because of his abundant energy and vision must limitations be imposed upon him so that he follow not his own wisdom and discernment into his big wide world and thus work havoc unawares. And one imposed limitation is a cage.

Now the manufacturers of the cage, knowing the nature of hamsters, have placed in the cage a wheel. And for Chippy, this wheel openeth the doors of the cage, as it were, for by it doth he travel far and wide, and by it doth he realize sundry and great accomplishments. For when his aspirations and ambitions rise within him, then doth he mount the wheel and . . . go!

Then after a season, having considered himself to have traveled an acceptable distance, he disembarketh and inquireth of his new surroundings. But finding them surprisingly similar to those of his point of departure, he faithfully steppeth back onto his well trodden path yet again and raceth on into his future.

Thus is Chippy's occupation during most of his waking hours, and it bringeth him great satisfaction and fulfillment in life, for by

his frenzied activities doth he acquire a sense of industry, accomplishment, and usefulness.

And he putteth forth admirable diligence to run the race that is set before him, knowing not that this race leadeth nowhere. Neither doth he experience discouragement, for he hath great zeal. But alas, that zeal is not according to knowledge, for he knoweth not that without me he can go nowhere, nor accomplish anything useful.

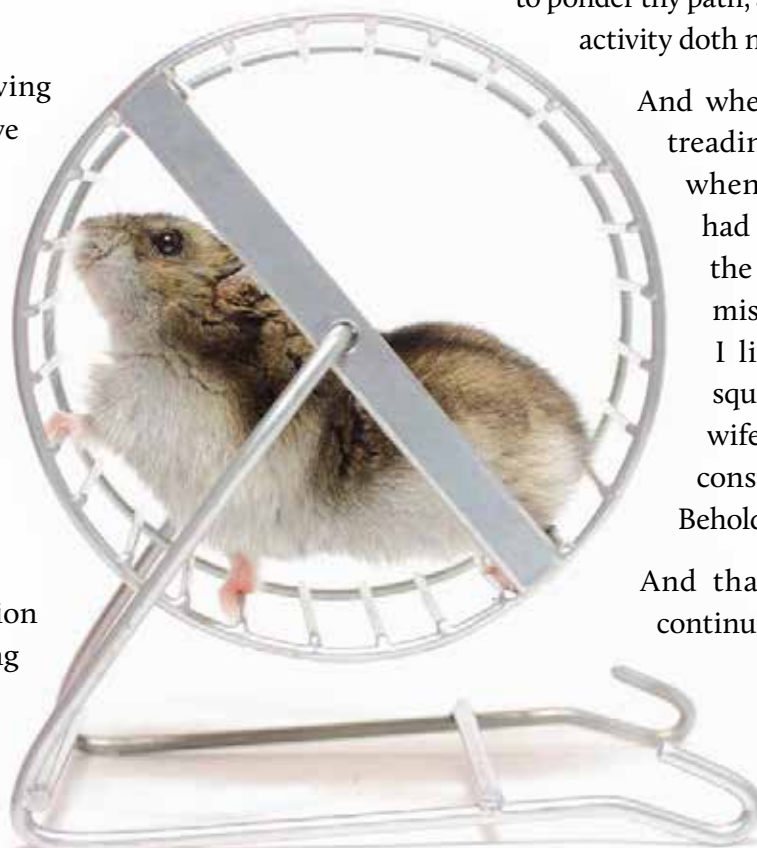
And so he toileth on, knowing not that it is but an exercise in futility. And he is happy.

So the wheel became a parable unto me. And I said to my soul, "Behold now, is not thine understanding like unto the understanding of a rodent? Therefore, pause to ponder thy path, and perceive now that activity doth not equate utility."

And when I had paused the treading of my wheel, and when my rodent mind had feebly reflected upon the frenzied activities of missionary life, then did I lift up my voice and squeak unto Brenda, my wife. And I said, "My love, consider now *our* wheels. Behold, what are they?"

And that is a question we continue to ponder.

–Selected from  
*Parables From Peru.*  
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Judy Yoder's father Eli grew up as an Amish farm boy, small and sensitive for his age, but with big dreams. A skillful storyteller, Judy captures Eli's adventures and emotions at each stage of his life.

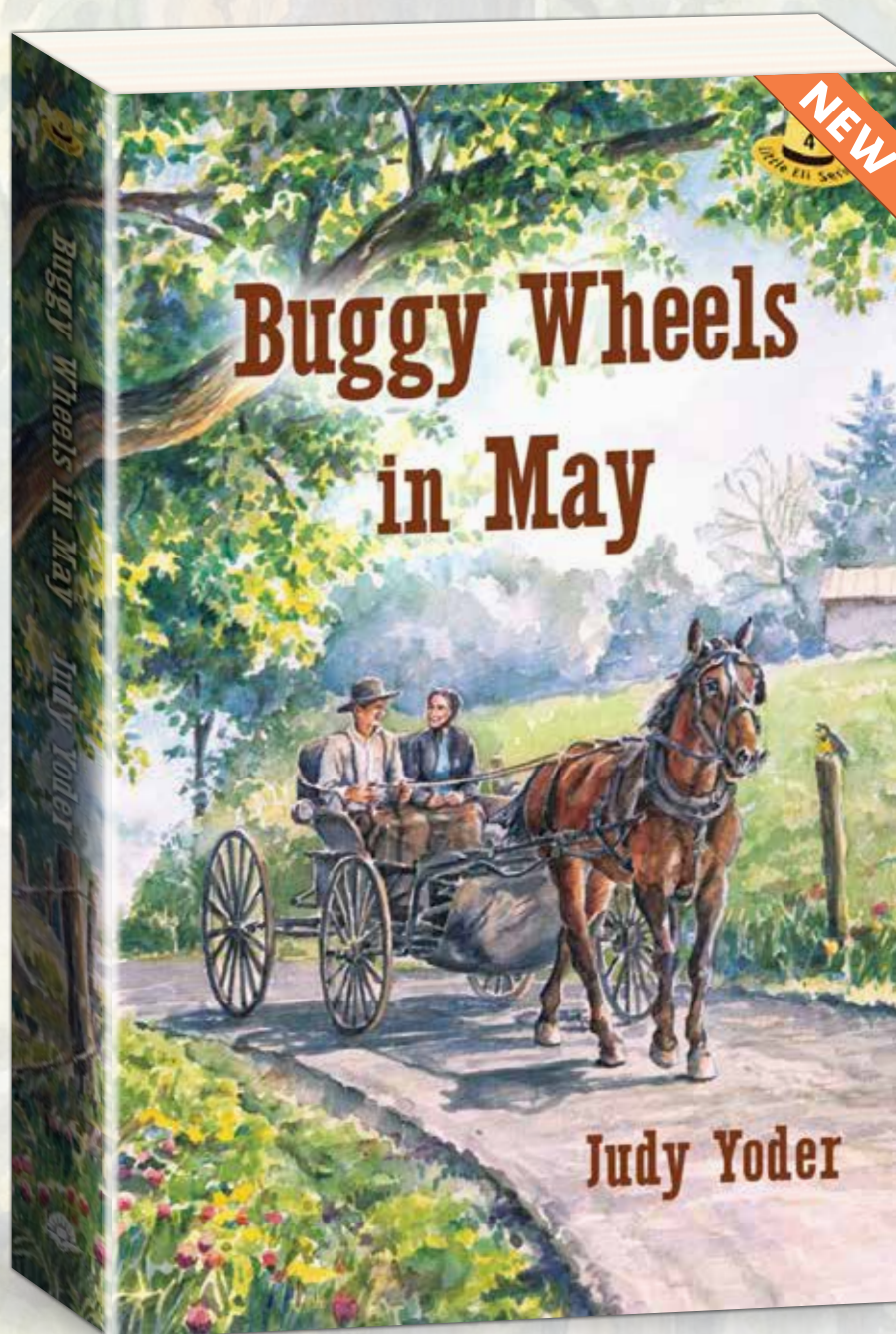


Goose bumps rise on Eli's arms as he follows his friends into the ante-room for instruction for baptism at the Amish church in Stuarts Draft, Virginia. At fifteen, he is still Little Eli, and he sincerely wants to be a child of God. But his struggles after becoming a church member take him by surprise. Where is the peace and confidence he longs for?

Experience with Eli the excitement of joining the youth group, turning a battered old buggy into his own transportation to Sunday evening singings, and serving at the many weddings that occur in the rapidly growing Amish community.

Will Eli have enough courage to win the friendship of Ruthie, the demure, brown-eyed girl he so highly admires? When change ripples through the Amish community, creating unresolved differences among church members, how will Eli find God's will for his life?

In this fourth and final book in the *Little Eli* series, the author completes the story of her father's life.



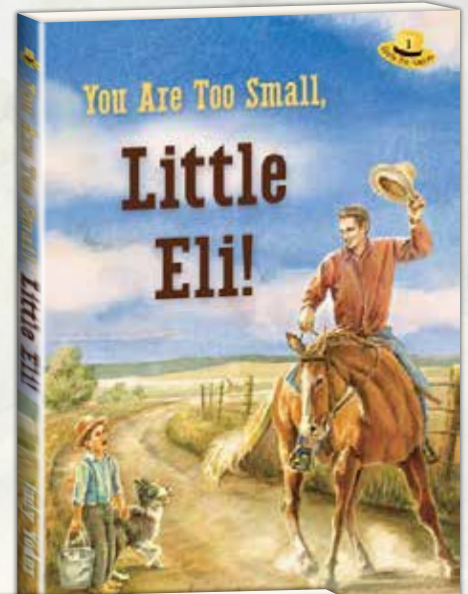


## You Are Too Small, Little Eli! Book 1

It seemed no matter how long he waited, Little Eli could never grow big enough to do the things he wanted to do. He was just the errand boy—always pumping buckets of water from the well and gathering corncobs for Mom to light the stove.

Still, many exciting adventures await a shy little Amish boy on the wide Oklahoma prairies during the dry years of 1939 to 1942—traveling on a train, entertaining strangers during a blizzard, and watching cowboys near his family's faded little farmhouse. When Grossdoddy dies, leaving the Amish people without a bishop, Eli is surprised by some dreadful news. Is he big enough to face a new challenge?

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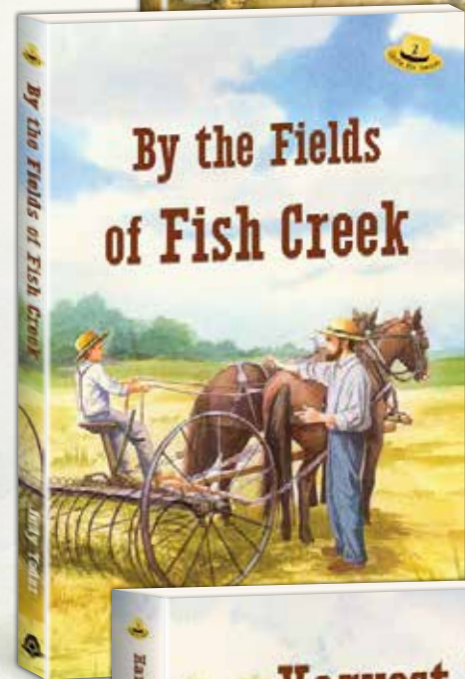


## By the Fields of Fish Creek Book 2

At their new home in eastern Kansas, Eli is more than just a water boy. He milks Hipbones every day, and Dad needs his help to rake the hay into windrows. Eli also gets his turn pushing the windrows into piles with the buckrake, but no matter which piece of hay machinery he operates, things seem to always go wrong.

Eli is never happier than when he has time to explore Fish Creek, which meanders through their farm. Then Dad and Mom begin praying about another move, and Eli finds he must leave Fish Creek far behind. Will his dreams of becoming a cowboy farmer on the prairie be lost forever?

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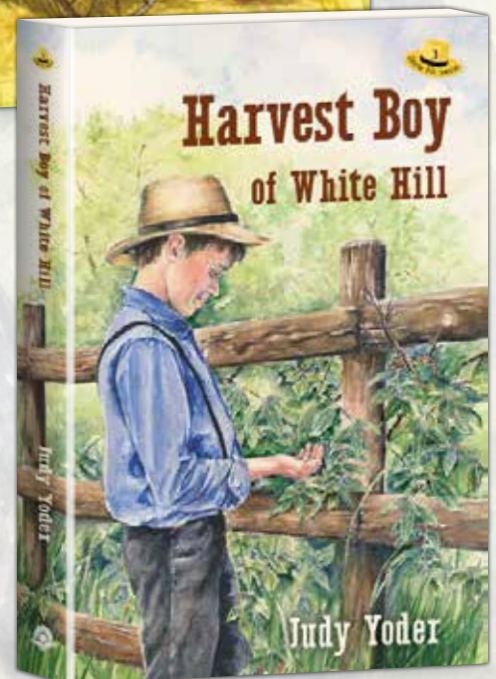


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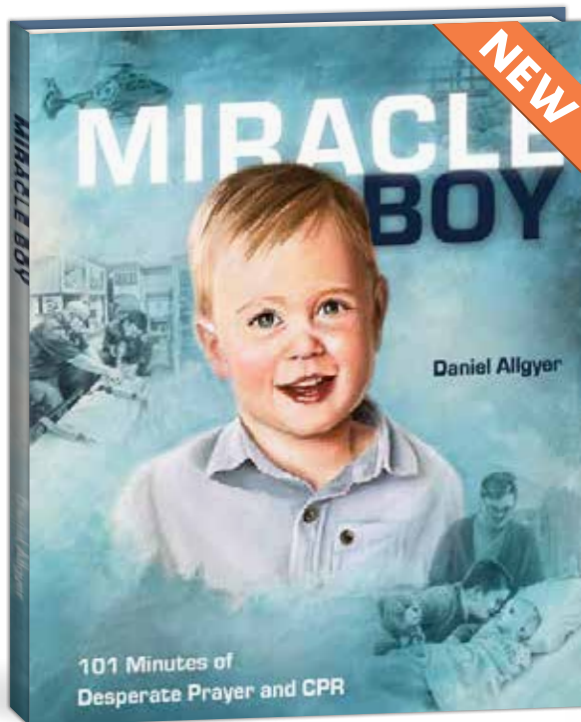
Fresh from the plains of Kansas, eleven-year-old Eli can't wait to see the farm Dad bought at the foot of White Hill in Stuarts Draft, Virginia. Still small for his age, Eli dreads going to a new school and a new church.

Electricity comes to the farm. Harvesting is done with tractors and newfangled equipment. Through it all Eli learns the weight of responsibility resting on a farmer's shoulders. Will the family be able to keep up with farm payments? Will Eli find acceptance as a harvest boy? And will he find answers for his questions about God?

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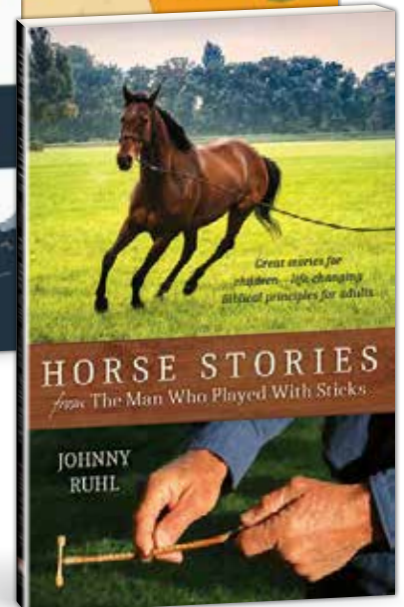
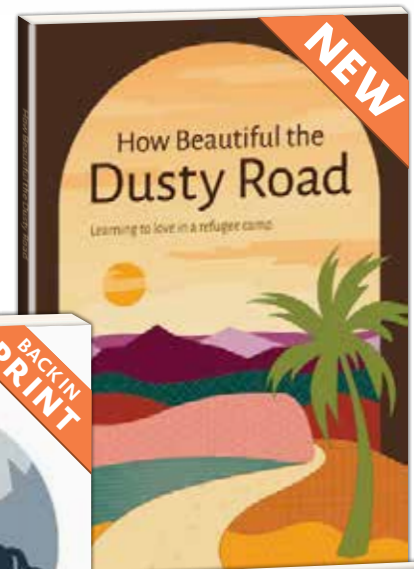
Twila sells fresh bread, cheese, and eggs in a mission setting in Bolivia. When Juan Montoya not only refuses to pay her but also laughs with his friends about cheating her, what should Twila do? How can Twila tell the "spider woman" in the marketplace about God when the spider woman believes that Twila is a daughter of the devil? This collection of teaching stories is from the author of *Horse Stories from the Man Who Played With Sticks*.

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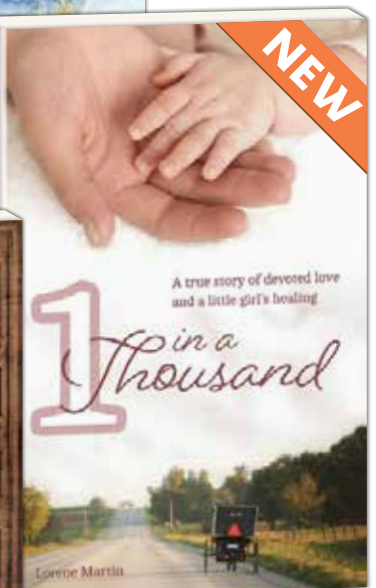
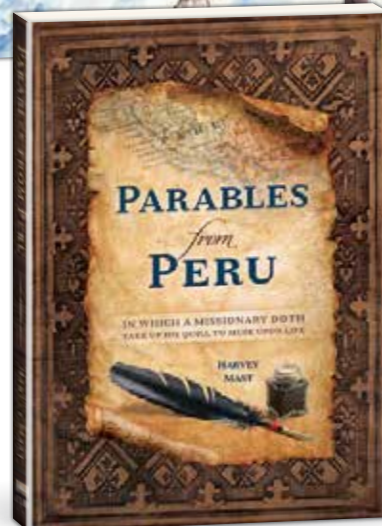
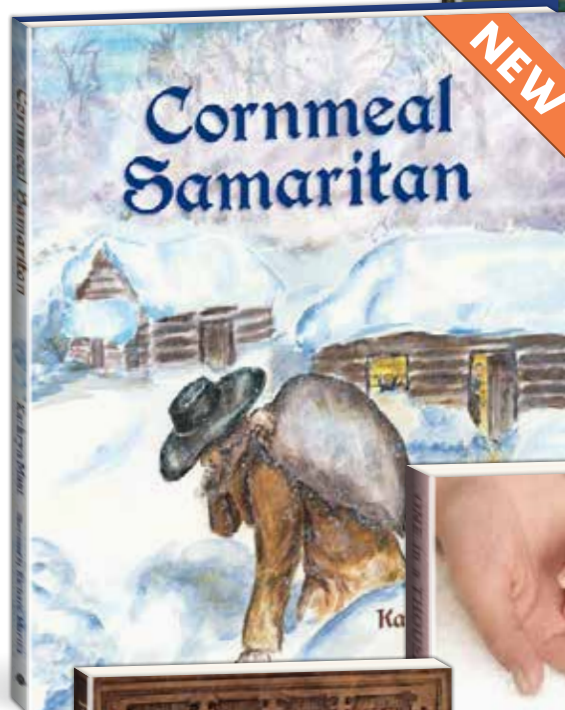
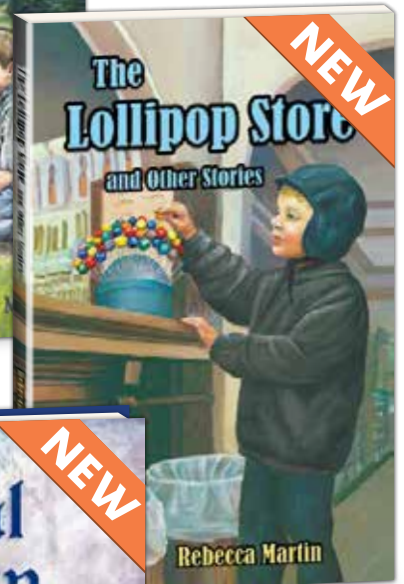
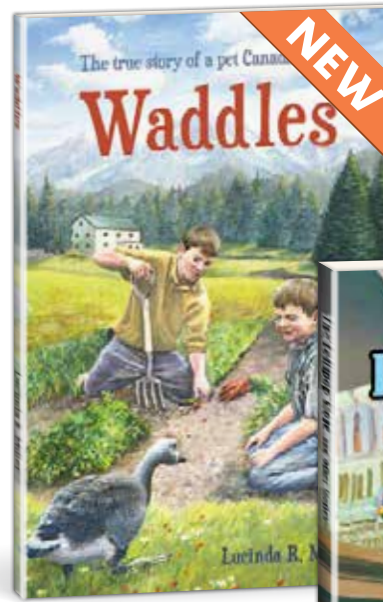
Lorene and Marvin looked forward to sharing their secret—twins were joining their family! But twenty minutes before birth, one baby lost her oxygen supply. Brittany survived but faced a multitude of medical issues after her birth. Doctors shook their heads, amazed at Brittany's determination to live but sometimes baffled by her complex condition. She was one in a thousand!

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