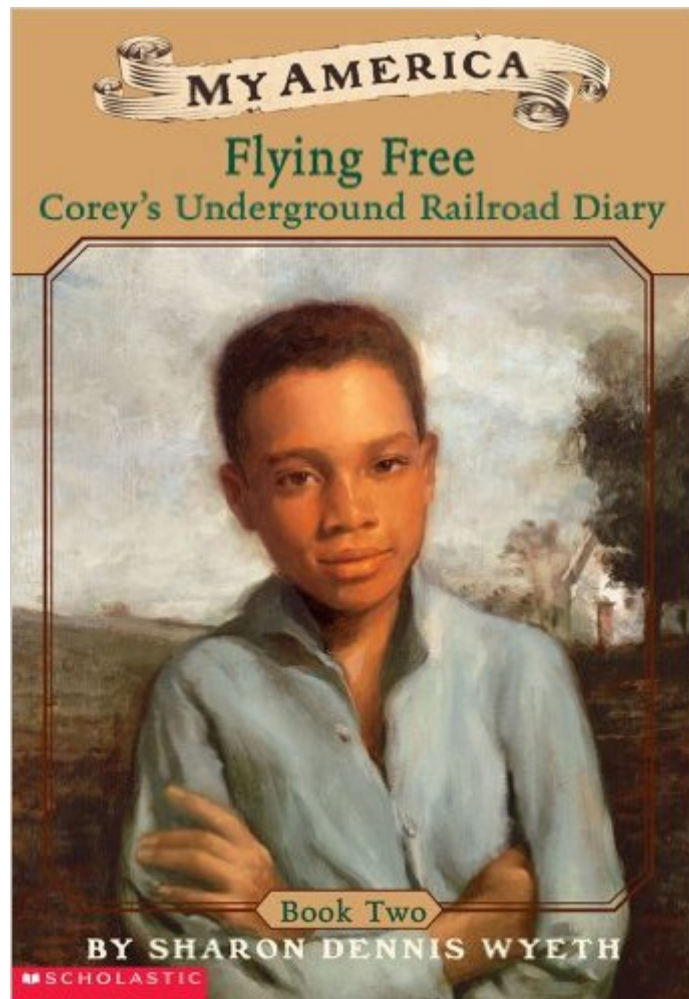


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# My America: Flying Free: Corey's Underground Railroad Diary, Book Two



## Synopsis

In this sequel to *My America: Freedom's Wings*, Corey Birdsong and his family have escaped slavery and the South and found refuge in Canada. This book is part of the re-launch of the *My America* series. In Sharon Dennis Wyeth's sequel to *My America: Freedom's Wings*, Corey and his family have escaped from slavery and the South and are now living in Canada. They own their own land, have made new friends, and Corey gets ready to go to school. But danger still remains across the river in Ohio, where slavecatchers lurk, waiting to capture escaped slaves to bring them back to their former masters. Corey, however, outsmarts them, and brings his friend Mingo to safety in Canada.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

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## Customer Reviews

In the book *Flying Free*, by Sharon Dennis Wyeth, A boy named Corey and his family escape from slavery in Kentucky America to start a new life in Amherstburg in Canada. They were able to escape with the help of the Underground Railroad. In Canada, they get their own home and Corey goes to school. With the help of their neighbors, they were able to build their new log cabin. Corey and his family got jobs and started earning their own money. Although Corey was happy with his freedom

and new life, he missed his friend Mingo who was not able to escape. Corey sent Mingo a letter convincing him to escape from slavery and hoped for him to come to Canada. Soon, Corey received a letter from Mingo informing him of his escape. Mingo then arrived to Canada where he lived with Corey. The story is very nice interesting, but the author could have done a better job with English language usage (spelling and grammar).

Corey and his family, runaway slaves from Kentucky, have finally escaped to freedom in Canada. They have now built a new, hopeful, life in Amherstburg, Canada. In Canada they own their own land, and Corey gets to go to school. However, they still are hoping to help those they left behind, such as Corey's friend Mingo. But, beyond the river in Ohio many slavecatchers still lurk to find runaway slaves and getting Mingo safely over is going to be hard. However Corey comes up with a brilliant plan that will help get Mingo over to freedom. The continuation of Corey's story is another great My America book. I recommend it to everybody!

In Corey's first Diary, we learned about slave life, and the heartbreaking conditions they were forced to endure. Now Corey and his pregnant mother have managed to get to Canada, with the help of the Underground Railroad, where they can be free. Corey's parents find jobs, buy some land and build a home. And best of all, Corey can now go to school and learn to read and write without having to hide it. But Corey misses his friend Mingo, who is still living as a slave down south, and writes him a letter encouraging him to come to Canada too. When he sees a poster with Mingo's picture on it, saying he's wanted by the slave catchers, Corey knows that Mingo is on the run and fears for his friend's safety. Corey's family prepares to celebrate Christmas in their new home, but Corey is about to have even more to be thankful for this holiday. Readers will find out why, when they read FLYING FREE, the heartwarming story of people finding a new life in a community where they can live proud and free.

The Book I read was My America the Underground railroad Diary by Sharon Dennis Wyeth. This book is about this Family that ran away from Pennsylvania because of people wanting them to be slaves and they were on there way to Canada. Corey and baby sister star and there mom and dad were on the run. I would suggest this book to kids who like Diary's but also kids who have read this sires. I would also suggest this book to people who like to read a lot and are at my level at reading. Another reason I liked this book was that it shows how sad it was to be running away from be slaves like its sad that u need them to work for you u will need to read the book to find out more... KB

I teach 3rd grade! My students love this book. We've read the series and all the books are awesome. The kids are eager for me to read more and more each day!

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