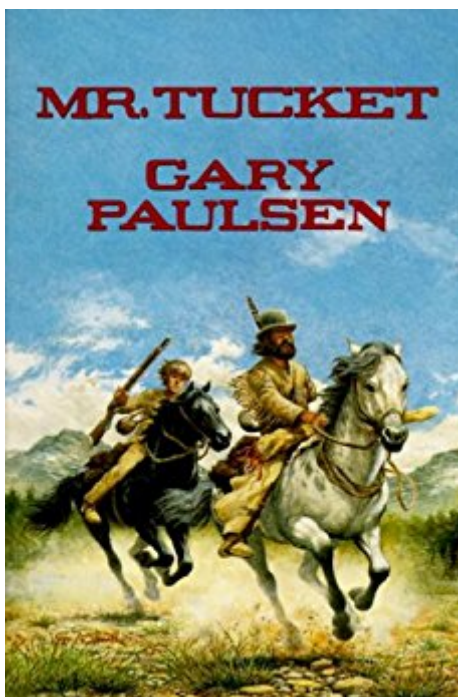


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Synopsis

Fourteen-year-old Francis Tucket is heading west on the Oregon Trail with his family by wagon train. When he receives a rifle for his birthday, he is thrilled that he is being treated like an adult. But Francis lags behind to practice shooting and is captured by Pawnees. It will take wild horses, hostile tribes, and a mysterious one-armed mountain man named Mr. Grimes to help Francis become the man who will be called Mr. Tucket. From the Hardcover edition.

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Gary Paulsen's Mr. Tucket is an exciting story of capture and escape, friendship, loyalty, and perseverance. If you love the romance of the Old West, you'll love this book. It keeps you on the edge of your seat, and you can't stop turning the pages. Francis Alphonse Tucket celebrated his fourteenth birthday while traveling with his parents and little sister in a wagon train bound for Oregon. His father had secretly brought along a Lancaster rifle as a surprise birthday present. Francis loved the rifle, but he strayed a little too far behind the wagon train practicing his aim. He didn't even get to eat his birthday cake! About the time he noticed the wagon train was out of sight,

a band of Pawnee Indians showed up and captured him. They fled like the wind to their village, erasing the signs of their passage so rescuers wouldn't be able to track Francis. At the Pawnee village, Francis was treated poorly, then lost hope when a raiding party came back with a doll that looked just like the one his sister had. It was at this sad time that Francis saw a white man riding boldly into the village. He was Jason Grimes, a one-armed Mountain Man. He was leading two pack horses loaded with goods to trade to the Indians for their furs. Francis was quickly exiled out of sight by the Indians, but Mr. Grimes had seen him. After a long session of spirited trading with the Indians in which he got most of them drunk, Mr. Grimes found Francis and released him, and helped him escape. Francis rode off barely holding on to a galloping Indian pony, heading for a place where Mr. Grimes said he would meet Francis. The rest of the story is just as exciting as the beginning. Francis runs in and out of trouble, while learning how to survive in the wilderness and how to stand up for himself.

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