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Afoot: A Tale of the Great Dakota Turkey Drive by George Brandsberg
The Cedartip Company, 2006, www.cedartip.com

Brandsberg takes you to a place in the real Dakota Territories and into a life of a young boy who lost his parents in a tragic fire and is now escaping the abuse of his uncle to find his older sister.

Joshua’s travels take him from Yankton to Ft. Pierre to Deadwood. He encounters bandits and befriends Indians and many historical people on his adventures of trailing 800 turkeys on a 200-mile trudge afoot. Brandsberg details the trail and life as it was in the late 1800’s in this historical novel.

Experience the adventure, as Joshua keeps his word and fulfills his quest in finding his sister in this 173-page book.

Afoot is based on a true story of two young brothers who drove a flock of turkeys from Ft. Pierre to Deadwood in 1878.

I found the book very interesting and kept me wanting to read from the start. Both adults and teenagers will enjoy this historical novel.

—Angela Ostrander, Faith Public/School Library, writing in *Book Marks*, vol. 60, issue 2, 2009, the newsletter of the South Dakota Library Association