

From New York to Missouri

More than thirty four thousand abandoned and homeless children scrapping for survival on the streets of an American city. True or false? True! New York City, 1854.



ANNETTE HARRISON PRESENTS

Orphan Trains

Charles Loring Brace
1826-1890

Founder of the Children's Aid Society, who for seventy years sent trainloads of orphaned and abandoned children west in the hope of finding homes.



How did this happen? Who were these children, and where did they come from? More importantly, what became of them?

Dynamic storyteller Annette Harrison will give you answers in this fascinating interactive exploration of a forgotten chapter in Missouri and American history. Characterizations, letters, first person accounts and music weave a vivid image of the personalities and events behind this dramatic forerunner of today's foster care system.

(Ages 10 and up.)



Irma Craig

Arrived in Osage City, MO in 1901. She was plucked from the streets of the city and sent west by the New York Foundling Hospital aboard a "Mercy Train."

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