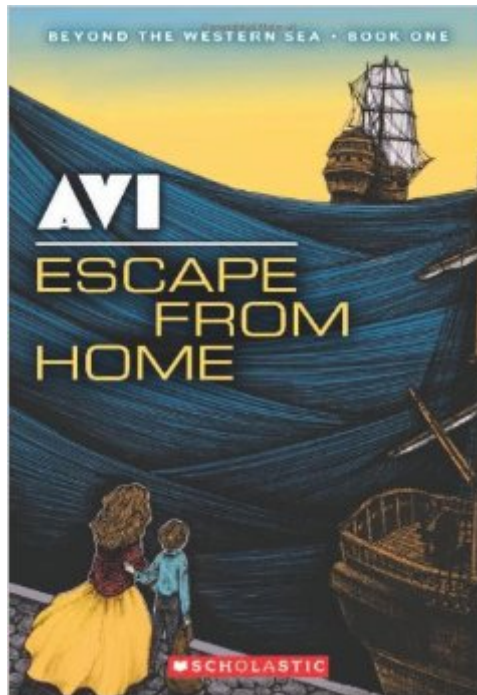


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# Escape From Home (Beyond The Western Sea)



## Synopsis

Avi's suspense-filled, seafaring adventure gets a bold new package! It's 1851. Fifteen-year-old Maura O'Connell and her twelve-year-old brother Patrick are about to set sail on an epic voyage to America to flee the brutal poverty of Ireland and to be reunited with their father. Eleven-year-old Laurence Kinkle, the son of an English lord, runs away from home to escape his cruel older brother and start a new life in a new world. All three children face nothing but obstacles along the way--from stolen money to con men to hunger and fatigue. It seems that none of them will get out of the port city of Liverpool until fate brings them together. Avi's masterful plot-spinning skills create an adventure filled with unexpected twists and turns.

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## Customer Reviews

Title: Beyond the Western Sea Book One "Escape from Home" Author: Avi # of Pages: 293 Beyond the Western Sea is a book full of suspense. I would recommend it to anyone looking for a good book. There are many twists and turns from start to end, along with a very suspenseful ending making you want to read on. Beyond the Western Sea is the story of two young boys. Patrick O'Connell comes from a poor family in a small community. He lives with his mother and sister, Maura. Mr. O'Connell has been away for a year in America seeking a fortune, and promising to send for his family once he becomes rich. Patrick, Maura, and Mrs. O'Connell finally receive notice

that their father is alive and rich. Lawrence Kinkle has a completely different situation. He comes from one of the richest families in London. Lawrence decides to run away to get away from his older brother who takes advantage of seniority. On his way, Lawrence manages to steal a 1,000 dollar bank note from his father's desk. A chase begins in the port city of Liverpool with many surprises. Both boys eventually meet in Liverpool and help each other during their times of need. This book shows the different aspects of both boy's adventure. From "runners" to blackmail this book is a great story of adventure during the early years of America. Beyond the Western Sea is continued in an exciting sequel called Lord Kinkle's Money.

I just finished reading this book, and am impatiently waiting for the next book to come in at the library. It was about the hardships Irish children go through, just to get on the ship to America. I especially liked how it was almost two stories in one, with the rich English boy, Lawrence, and the two poor Irish kids, Maura and Patrick going back and forth between the two. My advice is that you buy both This book and the second one, because once you read this one, even overnight shipping will not get this book to you fast enough. Over all, it was one of the best books I've read.

Patrick and Maura O'Connell are two Irish kids from a small village called Killony trying to voyage to America to join their father. Also trying to get to America is young Sir Lawrence Kinkle, the second son of a very rich man in London. He runs away from his home in London because his older brother Albert abuses him. Obviously, his older brother does not like him. Albert pays Matthew Clemspool to get his brother out of England. In order to get to America, they have to take a boat to Liverpool. When Maura and Patrick get to Liverpool, they have tickets to stay at the Union House, a Hotel for immigrants going to America. There are other places to stay in Liverpool, so a group of people try to take the lost immigrants to other places that aren't as nice so the people that run them get some money from the immigrants. Ralph Toggs is one of those people and takes Patrick and Maura to a very dirty place. Imagine being lost, not knowing what to expect next in a city full of people trying to make you go the wrong way. You don't know who to trust, who not to trust, where to run, or where to hide. This book is amazing and suspenseful. Avi keeps you guessing at the end of every chapter. Trust me, if you pick up this book, you won't put it down. If you read this book, you will definitely want to read the next one in the series, Lord Kinkle's Money. Two thumbs up.

This is a really great book. At first the book was a little slow, and boring, but it got SO GOOD! Now I want to read the next book. Basically, there is 2 stories of different people going on at once. Maura,

Patrick O'Connell, and their mother are living alone while their father is living in America, trying to make money so that they can come live with him for a better life. They face a lot of challenging surprises as they reach their destination- America. With their mother refusing to leave their hometown, they are off on their own to reach their father. At the same time a young boy Sir Laurence Kinkle, son of a wealthy man, runs away to America because he is not happy with his life. With his father hiring people to find him and take him home, his older brother hires a man to make sure his brother stays away from home so he does not return home. Maura, Patrick, and Laurence all meet up and try to get to America, but do they?? You will have to read the next book to find out!!

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