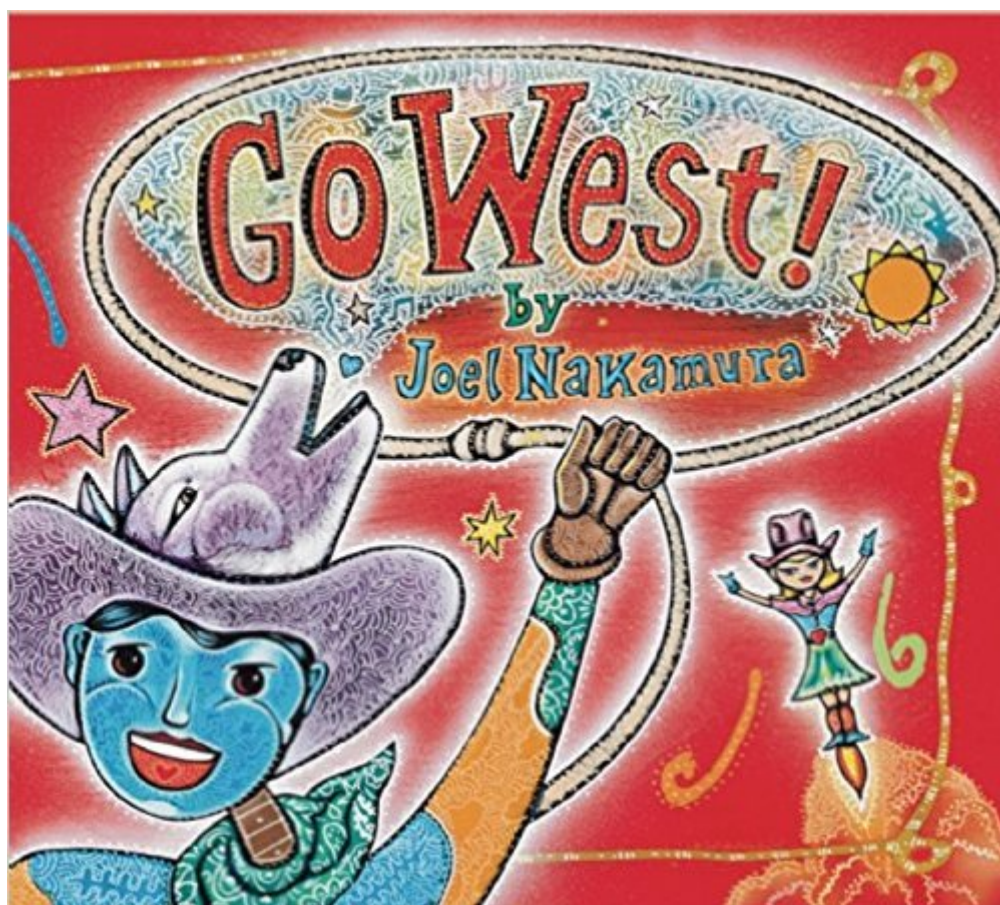


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# Go West!



## Synopsis

The American West has always been a place of adventure and natural beauty. With its wide-open spaces and sense of freedom, it's a place of enduring dreams and new ideas. Open the cover of this beautiful book and accept award-winning artist Joel Nakamura's invitation to Go West! Come along and join his colorful cast of characters to explore the magic that abounds in the lands west of the Mississippi. Come along and explore the frontier of the imagination! Come along and dream big! Come along and roam free . . . GO WEST! A perfect bedtime read, and a delight to the eye, this colorful picture book will enthrall your little ones with its unique vision of life in the West!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This book is full of wonderful illustrations and an inspirational storyline by Santa Fe artists Joel Nakamura. Sure to become an iconic addition to any library, it makes a great gift for kids, teachers, libraries and art-lovers alike. Mr. Nakamura's sensibilities and artistic talent shine on every page.

This is a book that will inspire and delight both young and old. Joel Nakamura's out of the box imagination and creativity combined with his expert skills in artistry and design make this an adventure in whimsy and delight from cover to cover. I have had the honor of seeing many pieces of his artwork at fine art shows and feel very blessed that he has given us all these beautiful

illustrations under one cover! Each page uplifted my spirit. I highly recommend this as a gift to yourself or anyone of any age. He is truly a one-of-a-kind artist.

"Go West" by Joel Nakamura is an outstanding, beautiful book; a work of art! Although it is classified as a "Children's" book, everyone will love the brilliant, two-full-page illustrations and the simple yet insightful text that accompanies them. Nakamura's colorful, intricate and playful signature style is showcased on every page, like a wonderful surprise waiting around every corner. His love of the Southwest is delightfully expressed in clever phrases on each page, with accompanying brilliant, dreamy illustration plates. (Barking hats, flying horses, purple prairie dogs, running coffeepots, smiling cacti, hissing cowboy boots, dancing coyotes, and even a Jackalope!) This book is a treat for the eyes and the imagination, and I would recommend it to people of any age - and especially for those who love the Southwest! (Bonus: if you've always wanted an original Joel Nakamura painting, but haven't quite been able to obtain one, this book will fulfill part of that wish.) Get one for you, and one for a friend - everyone will love this gorgeous, colorful, fun book!

Love this book! Just bought two for holiday presents. The illustrations are true, timeless folk art and there are intricacies and surprising imagery on each page to make the reader more involved. I had the pleasure of meeting the author at a library reading and was impressed. You won't regret this valuable purchase!

Children have always loved the wild west with its stories of heroics, wilderness, and adventures. So why not go west? My children absolutely adore this book. The images are fun, bright, and inspire their imaginations. The ideas are whimsical and invite the children to create their own magical western experience. My daughter especially likes the images personifying the hats and chili peppers. The words flow well with the images, however fantastical the ideas are, such as cuckoo hats and rocket boots. They tell of a west that we all know but add an interesting flare to the concept that I can only call unique. As for myself, I am at a crossroads. I love the bright, inviting images but feel like there's too much going on on each page. The words don't flow together well at times and at other times they very nearly rhyme. In the end, my child likes this book and I find nothing wrong with the content. I won my copy on Goodreads Giveaways and have permission from the author to use the image above. [stephanietiner.weebly.com](http://stephanietiner.weebly.com)

I've got four kids and they all love it. There aren't many artists that can create a completely unique

world that sweeps you away like Joel's work does. I know it does that for my children every time we read it!

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