

Upon Destiny's Song
by Mike Ericksen and Sage Steadman

Love. Faith. Destiny. Legacy.
Discovering the tree that can never be uprooted.

With growing global interest in researching family history and the popular hit TV series *Who Do You think You Are?*, people are becoming more and more connected to their family history roots. As they flip through the pages of rustic documents, or pore over family trees online, many discover family truths that leave them in awe. Many see the heart of themselves in their ancestor's stories and make quiet connections to their early forbearers that bridge the expanse of time. In the new book *Upon Destiny's Song* Mike Ericksen shares the story of his family's search interwoven with his ancestor's engrossing story.

Classical guitarist Mike Ericksen thought little of genealogy until a series of miraculous events brought to light his great-grandmother's immigration to Utah in the ill-fated Willie Handcart Company. His eventual thirst to know her story soon changed his as Mike trudged knee-deep in snow along a desolate country-side, traversing the same path his great-grandmother Marie had 150 years prior. Mike learns of Marie's struggles and finds a consoling connection to her by telling her powerful story through music. Through it all Mike understands the powerful ripple effect of everyday decisions and the significance of being true hero.

Mike Ericksen has previously told the amazing story of his family's roots through song and speaking engagements at firesides held across the country. Now the beautiful story of his ancestors and the lessons he's learned are finally available in *Upon Destiny's Song*.

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