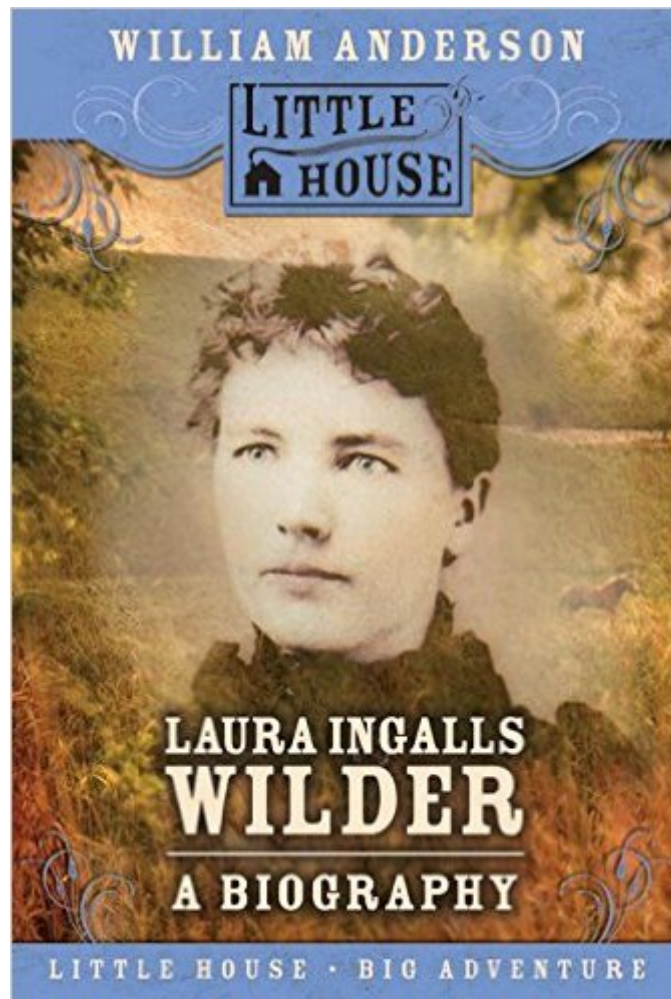


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# Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Biography (Little House Nonfiction)



## Synopsis

From her pioneer days on the prairie to her golden years with her husband, Almanzo, and their daughter, Rose, Laura Ingalls Wilder has become a friend to all who have read about her adventures. This behind-the-scenes account chronicles the real events in Laura's life that inspired her to write her stories and also describes her life after the last Little House book ends.

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## Customer Reviews

After reading through the entire LITTLE HOUSE series (again), I became interesting in learning more about Laura Ingalls Wilder. I began with this book, and read some additional books as well. I found that LAURA INGALLS WILDER: A BIOGRAPHY was very informative, but that it was written in a very positive light. It glossed over some traumatic moments in Laura's life, and made her look like a perfect person instead of a normal person with some faults. This book is designed to fit in with the current LITTLE HOUSE paperback design, which is handy. It is an easy read (written for the 9-12 set), but will interest those who want to know more about "the real Laura." I would recommend it over the other biographies I have read about Laura Ingalls Wilder because it is written to be interesting, not to be historically detailed. However, Laura's life was painted a lot rosier than it was

in real life.

Historian William Anderson did a great job with this little book in rounding out the life and times of the Ingalls family. He fills in the gaps with historic details for those parts of her life that Laura omitted, for reasons of her own. The final chapters of the book are especially fascinating as we travel to Rocky Ridge Farm in Missouri to see how Laura, Almanzo and Rose lived after "West From Home." Also included is the fascinating story of how the "Little House" books came to be. Anderson also provides some embellishment from Laura herself on stories told in the "Little House" series. It's heartwarming to hear another version from Laura of Almanzo's surprise Christmas visit. This book is full of little tidbits just like that - which are irresistible to Little House fans!

If you've read the "Little House" books, you'll find that some things in the stories weren't quite the same in real life - for example, the Ingalls family's time spent in Burr Oak, Iowa, isn't mentioned in any of Laura's stories, nor the fact that they actually lived in the Big Woods twice in Laura's lifetime - the events of "Little House on the Prairie" actually took place when Laura was too young to remember, so of course she relied on her parents' memories of Indian Territory. Also of note are a couple of name changes - the "Oleson" family was actually the Owens family, and the quarrelsome people she stayed with on her first teaching job were named Bouchie, not Brewster. Many more surprises await you when you read the story, but I don't want to give everything away!

This was a really nice Biography of Laura and her families...and later in the book it almost is a biography of Rose. But with Laura and Rose being so close it would almost be hard to keep the two lives separate in telling of Laura's you had to mix some of Rose's in. It has some photos of the Ingalls and the Wilders and where they lived etc. It was told with some actual quotes from Laura or Rose which made it nice. It was kind of story form but yet told almost as if the author was sitting beside you visiting with you. This version didn't let on that the Wilder's had a very tough life, whereas another book I read let me to believe their lives were very hard and Almanzo was ALWAYS sick. But he lived to be 90 and worked his farm almost up until his death. (As did Laura) It also told of her writing her stories and her interaction (when she was able) with children or adults in book signings etc. which again is different than I had read before as before they implied Laura hated to be out in public and didn't like children very much at all... but according to this biography she loved children and hated to not write them all back from the mail she received. Or she loved having visitors stop and she would entertain them with milk and cookies and often telling them her stories. I learnt quite

a bit from this book

This story is about a girl, Laura Ingalls Wilder's life. Her life was full of hardships but she didn't get scared and strived harder after she had her many losses. This struggle had brought her from farm woman to a famous writer. This story told me if you don't give up and strive more, everything will be done. The reason I recommend this book is because it had told me a person's real life and it made me learn many things that was helpful for my life. The main reason was that I like to read about biography books.

William Anderson has written an interesting and enlightening book about one of America's best loved authors. Although I had read all of Laura Ingalls Wilder's books, I had never really developed a sense for who she was until reading Anderson's biography. For anyone who loves history and the pioneer way of life this is an excellent book. For young readers, it is an education to a much simpler way of life, and the answer to what happened to Laura as an older adult.

Anderson writes a wonderful and incredible book about Laura Ingalls Wilder. She is a fascinating person and this is a wonderful tribute to her and her life. Anderson fills his book with facts about Laura's life that I have never read before. Laura chose not to write about every year in her life... this book covers some of them. Excellent, terrific and informative book... wonderful addition to the Laura Ingalls Wilder Little House series. You will absolutely enjoy it!

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