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Review

“A must for a new generation of readers of Wilder’s stories and for those who recall having enjoyed the “Little House” books as a child and wish to gain further insight into the life of the series’ author.” (Library Journal)

“Wilder fans will surely rejoice at this collection, which may also serve to introduce a new generation of readers to this important and much-loved American author.” (Booklist)

“[I]n her letters, just as in her books and in person, Laura Ingalls Wilder is effortlessly sunny good company...[R]eading these wonderfully human letters will make every reader hope for more.” (*Christian Science Monitor*)

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About the Author

William Anderson is a historian, educator, and author of twenty-five books of biography, travel, and history. His groundbreaking research on Laura Ingalls Wilder and her books led to many HarperCollins titles, including *Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Biography*, *Laura Ingalls Wilder Country*, and *A Little House Sampler*. He has also written for *Travel & Leisure*, the *Saturday Evening Post*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, and many other national magazines. Anderson is a frequent speaker at conferences, schools, and libraries. He makes his home in Michigan.

Laura Ingalls Wilder (1867–1957) was born in a log cabin in the Wisconsin woods. With her family, she pioneered throughout America's heartland during the 1870s and 1880s, finally settling in Dakota Territory. She married Almanzo Wilder in 1885; their only daughter, Rose, was born the following year. The Wilders moved to Rocky Ridge Farm at Mansfield, Missouri, in 1894, where they established a permanent home. After years of farming, Laura wrote the first of her beloved Little House books in 1932. The nine Little House books are international classics. Her writings live on into the twenty-first century as America's quintessential pioneer story.

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