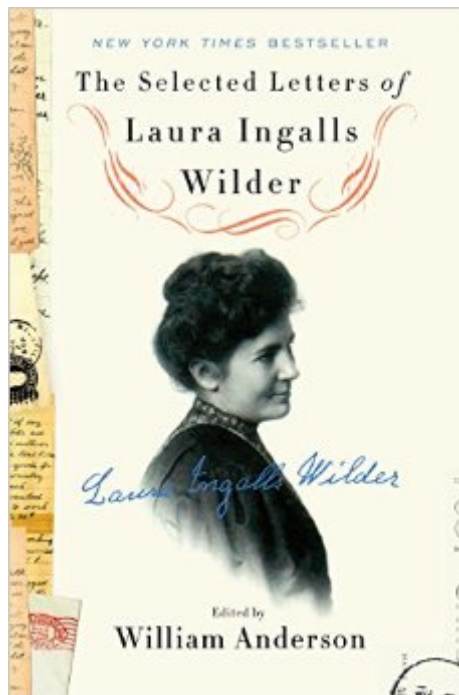


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# The Selected Letters Of Laura Ingalls Wilder



## Synopsis

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Available for the first time and collected in one volume, the letters of one of America's most beloved authors, Laura Ingalls Wilder, a treasure trove that offers new and unexpected understanding of her life and work. The Selected Letters of Laura Ingalls Wilder is a vibrant, deeply personal portrait of this revered American author, illuminating her thoughts, travels, philosophies, writing career, and dealings with family, friends, and fans as never before. This is a fresh look at the adult life of the author in her own words. Gathered from museums and archives and personal collections, the letters span over sixty years of Wilder's life, from 1894 to 1956 and shed new light on Wilder's day-to-day life. Here we see her as a businesswoman and author, including her beloved Little House books, her legendary editor, Ursula Nordstrom, and her readers as a wife, and as a friend. In her letters, Wilder shares her philosophies, political opinions, and reminiscences of life as a frontier child. Also included are letters to her daughter, writer Rose Wilder Lane, who filled a silent role as editor and collaborator while the famous Little House books were being written. Wilder biographer William Anderson collected and researched references throughout these letters and the result is an invaluable historical collection, tracing Wilder's life through the final days of covered wagon travel, her life as a farm woman, a country journalist, Depression-era author, and years of fame as the writer of the Little House books. This collection is a sequel to her beloved books, and a snapshot into twentieth-century living.

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Getting a chance to review "The Selected Letters of Laura Ingalls Wilder" was a mini dream come

true for me. I consider myself an avid fan and scholar of Laura Ingalls Wilder. At eight years old I bought the Little House on the Prairie set with money I had saved from birthdays and chores. I read and re-read these books until the paperbacks were literally falling apart. As an adult, I read the books about once every year. I buy every book that comes out about Laura Ingalls and/or her daughter Rose Wilder Lane. Just last year I took the online college course about Laura Ingalls Wilder and her work. Two years ago I took a trip from my home in Indiana to Mansfield Missouri to see the Laura Ingalls Wilder Home and Museum. (My bucket list includes a trip to every home site). "The Selected Letters of Laura Ingalls Wilder" features letters from and to (occasionally, most are from) Laura. This book opened up a completely new experience in my studies and love for LIW. Why? Because these were Laura's own and unedited words. They cover a span of time of sixty years. The majority of these letters were written by Laura when she lived in that beautiful Mansfield farmhouse. There are quite a few letters between Laura and Rose about day to day activities in their lives as well as information about the editing and publishing of the Little House books. There are also a lot of letters from Laura to children/teachers/fans who wrote her after her books became so famous. I learned some new things about Laura, which I didn't think was possible. There was a delightful letter Laura wrote about her postman and his poor delivery services. There are some tales of the two boys that Rose took in and cared for.

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