



Laura Ingalls Wilder

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This pathfinder will be useful for younger people in finding information about pioneer and author Laura Ingalls Wilder.

For an introduction to the topic, see:

- *Little House in the Big Woods*
- *Little House on the Prairie*
- *Farmer Boy*
- *On the Banks of Plum Creek*
- *By the Shores of Silver Lake*
- *The Long Winter*
- *Little Town on the Prairie*
- *These Happy Golden Years*
- *The First Four Years*

Key Resources at a Glance:

- *Prairie Girl: the Life of Laura Ingalls Wilder* by William T. Anderson (2004) – A short, under 100 page biography.
- *Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Biography* by William T. Anderson (1992) – A good basic biography at an upper elementary reading level. He's the most well-known Wilder scholar. There are no footnotes.
- *The Little House Guidebook* by William Anderson (1996) – The main resource for Wilder travel information.

Resources

NOTE: There are seven main Laura Ingalls Wilder organizations. They are listed below. They all have museums and most of them have newsletters. See the adult Wilder pathfinder for more listings.

Books

- *Laura Ingalls Wilder Country* by William Anderson (1990) – Photographs and texts of the Wilder sites around the country.
- *The Laura Ingalls Wilder Songbook: Favorite Songs from the "Little House" Books* by Eugenia Garson (1968) – A collection of sheet music of songs used in the Wilder books, including where in which books it was used. This is the definitive Wilder music book.
- *Searching for Laura Ingalls: A Reader's Journey* by Kathryn Lasky and Meribah Knight (1993) – A photo essay of Meribah visiting the Laura sites with her parents.
- *The Little House Cookbook: Frontier Foods from Laura Ingalls Wilder's Classic Stories* by Barbara M. Walker (1979) – A collection of historic recipes and where they are in the books.

Search Aids

Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Rose Wilder Lane
- "Little House" books

Subject Headings

(Use in card catalogs and print indexes)

- Wilder, Laura Ingalls 1867-1957
- Lane, Rose Wilder 1886-1968

Call Number

- 813.52 (Dewey Decimal)
- PS3545.I342 (Library of Congress)
- PZ7.W6461 (Library of Congress)

Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCOhost
- FirstSearch
- Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature

Library catalogs

- Your local library catalog
- SILO - State-wide catalog
- WorldCat - World-wide Catalog

Web Pages and Web Portals

- Come Home to Little House <http://www.littlehousebooks.com/index.html>
The official Harper Collins website for the series. This is the best place for information on HarperCollins products and includes some background information, teaching resources, crafts, and trivia.

Organizations and Special Collections

For additional organizations, see the adult level Laura Ingalls Wilder pathfinder.

- Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society, Inc., P.O. Box 269, Pepin WI 54759
<http://www.pepinwisconsin.com/> (715) 442-3011
- Little House on the Prairie Site, P.O. Box 110, Independence KS 67301
<http://littlehouseontheprairie.com/> (620) 289-4238
<http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewprofile&friendid=135641116>
- Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum, 330 8th St., Walnut Grove MN 56180
lauramuseum@walnutgrove.org, <http://www.walnutgrove.org/>, 1-800-528-7280
- Wilder Pageant Committee, P.O. Box 313, Walnut Grove MN 56180
pageant@walnutgrove.org, 1-888-859-3102
- Laura Ingalls Wilder Park and Museum, 3603 236th Avenue, Burr Oak IA 52101
museum@lauraingallswilder.us, <http://www.lauraingallswilder.us/> (563) 735-5916
- Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society, P.O. Box 426 De Smet SD 57231
info@discoverlaura.org, <http://www.liwms.com/> 1-800-880-3383
- Ingalls Homestead, 20812 Homestead Road, De Smet, South Dakota 57231
<http://www.ingallshomestead.com>, 1-800-776-3594
- Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant Society, P.O. Box 154, De Smet SD 57231
<http://www.desmetpageant.org>, 1-800-880-3383 or 1-800-776-3594
- Laura Ingalls Wilder/ Rose Wilder Lane Home and Museum, 3068 Highway A, Mansfield, MO 65704 info@lauraingallswilderhome.com,
<http://www.lauraingallswilderhome.com>, 1-877-924-7126
- Ozark Mountain Players (Mansfield Pageant), P.O. Box 113, Mansfield MO 65704
<http://www.laurasmemories.com> 1-800-642-0388
- Almanzo and Laura Ingalls Wilder Association, P.O. Box 283, Malone, NY 12953-0283
info@almanzowilderfarm.com, <http://www.almanzowilderfarm.com/>,
1-866-438-FARM (3276)

Multimedia Resources

- The complete series of books is now available as unabridged books on tape and CD from Harper Children's Audio, 2003-2006.

See the adult version of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Pathfinder for more information.

** You can evaluate other resources using criteria at: www.THEpathfinderproject.org/evaluate.html **

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