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Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House books, based on her own childhood and later life, are still beloved classics almost a century after she began writing them. Now young readers will see just how similar Laura's true-life story was to her books. Born in 1867 in the "Big Woods" in Wisconsin, Laura experienced both the hardship and the adventure of living on the frontier. Her life and times are captured in engaging text and 80 black-and-white illustrations.

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Nicole Wrightson says

This was a book I really wanted to share with my daughter. I loved her books since I read the first one in school. My mom and me both loved them and soon I hope my daughter will love them as well.

This one held a few surprises for me. I thought I knew a lot about Laura. Mostly because I read the books based on her life. But I didn't know that she had a brother that only lived for nine months. She never talked about him again either. But she lived an amazing and well traveled life.

I mean she has seen so much in her years. She saw wild wolves, crossed rivers, played in prairies, seen a winter so harsh that if it wasn't for two men, most of a town would have died. She worked hard with her family doing chores that now days a child would never know how to do.

Sadly her family tree died out. But at least her memories live on.

Rachel says

Laura Ingalls Wilder is the sole reason I love to read. Her Little House books are not only started my love of reading but my love of history as well. She's always been and always will be a favorite of mine. So it's without a doubt that I enjoyed reading this. The Illustrations were also enjoyable.

Lauri says

Good book for kids. No errors that screamed at me. Good job mixing the actual with the fictional without horrifying the intended audience.

Amy says

This book included most of the important information from the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder. It included her timeline accurately as compared to Laura's chosen timeline and events in the Little House books. It did not, of course, include some of the seedier details, although it did refer to the incident of the drunken man who shot at his wife when the family lived over the saloon in Burr Oak. I was a little surprised to see that in this book. The one thing that really annoyed me was that the author always referred to the Ingalls family as "the Ingallses" instead of just "the Ingalls". I felt that really trips up your tongue to have to read "the Ingallses" over and over, and for young readers especially that it would've been good to opt for the other way.

Donalyn says

My students adore the Who Was series and have begged me to collect them for our class library. I can't wait to bring this newest installment about one of my childhood idols, Laura Ingalls Wilder. It was fascinating to compare her real-life events with the slightly fictionalized version in the Little House books. It makes me happy to learn that Laura and Almanzo lived happily together for 64 years.

Rebecca says

Laura Ingalls Wilder's life encompassed many more adventures than her stories could hold. What an interesting little book about the life of an author, whose stories I read continuously as a child.

Cami says

What a fun book! I am a little familiar with the Little House on the Prairie TV series but have not read the books and really didn't know a lot about Laura Ingalls Wilder. I had no idea Laura didn't start writing her Little House books until she was 65! That is inspiring!! I enjoyed this book. It didn't feel like I was learning about history or reading a biography; it was easy to read and very interesting. I felt the urge to color in those black and white pictures. (I may go back and do that or let my kids do so.) I will have my girls read this now and may go pick up some Little House books as well as more "Who Is/Was... ?" books from this series.

Laura says

I never knew how much she moved around.

Julie says

This series is very popular with middle-grade readers in the library where I work, so I decided to give a few of them a try. This book enhanced my knowledge of Laura Ingalls Wilder's life and times, adding background about everything from grasshoppers to sod houses to her familiar autobiographical novels. Told in a straightforward, enjoyable, appealing style with lots of complementary illustrations.

Kyle Padgett says

The book I read is Who Was Laura Ingalls Wilder. This book was written by Patricia Brennan Demuth. This book is about a girl who was part of a Pioneer Family. They traveled West by covered wagon. Air and her family lived in a Little House on the Prairie. She was an author that wrote the beloved series of Little House books. In Laura's lifetime she did a lot of traveling. She was there when the invention of the train, airplane, computer, television and electrical lighting.

I enjoyed this book very much. I like the way that there is a mix of the story where it talks about Laura and Rosie and how their partnership came to be. I thought this book was really great.

I recommend this book to anybody who wants to know how was like to live the life of a pioneer. It is also a good book if you would like to know how people traveled back in the day. This is also a great historical book

to and from.

Gretchen says

Illustrated biography for middle graders. Pen and ink illustrations. 106 pages with illustration(s) on every double page spread. Ten chapters with an introductory chapter (part of the series formula) that is titled “ Who Was Laura Ingalls Wilder” which opens in 1874 with the Ingalls’s covered wagon traveling across the open prairie. Pa is in the second line of the 4-page intro, but this early chapter also introduces the fact that Ingalls wrote books for children and became a best-loved children’s author. Like Louisa May Alcott, Ingalls had a complicated life with frequent moves during her childhood. Demuth handles it all with grace. Includes bibliography, timeline of Stowe and the world, and a list of all the “Little House” books. Sidebars on sod houses, grasshopper swarms, and the Dakota Boom. Handles Laura’s sister Mary’s blindness well and records how it changed her and made her into a writer: “Laura trained herself to observe details and bring them alive in words.” That was because she needed to describe the world to her sister.

Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan. Tales for A Winter’s Night. Read by William

Mirandajo says

Good introductory book on Laura Ingalls Wilder for children. This book seemed to take a lot from Laura's books, even though she said they were historical fiction, not nonfiction. It did also have a few extra bits of information about the family I did not know. I listened to this on Overdrive and it was about an hour long, so it is definitely a short book. For a brief exposure to Laura, I would certainly recommend it for the young reader.

Rita Araújo says

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Marianne says

I’m reading the books my kids read. This one was written well, but if you are big Laura Ingalls Wilder fans like we are and have already read the series, you won’t learn much that isn’t already covered there.

Diana says

I listened to this though Overdrive at my library. It wasn't too bad, much of it was a rehashing of her life through the books with additions of things that were left out. It did mention the real reason the Ingalls left Kansas, their trip to Burr Oak, Charles Fredrick Ingalls' short life, the return to Walnut Grove and Rose living with Eliza Jane to go to high school. It left out Laura and Almanzo's time in Florida and most info on

Rose's marriage. It's a good book for the youngest readers of the Little House books who want to know more about the real story behind them.
