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A scrapbook collection by the editor of *Little House in the Ozarks* features stories, letters, interviews, and recollections of Laura Ingalls Wilder in her youth and adult years, and includes rare photos and Ma's famous pickle recipe.

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Melissa Wells says

I found most of it a little boring to be honest and I skipped through a lot of pages. This is something I hate doing and only do if I just can't get into a book. That being said, there were some things that I learned about Laura that I hadn't known, so that was very interesting.

Kathy Smith says

It was interesting reading about the recollections of Laura Ingalls Wilder from her peers, friends, newspaper articles, etc. I loved her books and the TV series, and this gave me a different side of her.

Joyce says

This biography of Laura Ingalls Wilder is informative but due to the organizational style the author chose several sections are repetitive.

Many of us have enjoyed the original books by Mrs. Wilder about her childhood but even more of us know of her life from the 1970's series written, directed and starred in by Michael Landon and Melissa Gilbert and others. Since Mr. Landon took liberties with the original text much of what we know will be corrected by reading this text.

One impressive point emphasized in the text was that although Laura and her sisters each wrote as young girls, Mrs. Wilder did not begin writing her books until she was 65. In reality she hadn't planned to write more than one book but eventually published a series of 8.

Ruth says

This author also published a collection of Laura's early farm columns. This book came about after searching for evidence of oral histories about Mrs. Wilder following her death in 1957. He did not find any histories recorded. Mr. Hines decided to collect what remained of the collective memory of Laura from the small towns of her adult life. He also collected information about her husband and daughter. He collected a few other writings to add to the mix. It is described as a patchwork quilt and it has that feel.

Jennifer Heise says

Mostly a collection of scraps of interviews and documentation, a good call for die-hard Little House fans (though perhaps not the ones who *like* the 'extended' ones.

Wendy Mills says

This was a fascinating book to read. Had a lot of fun and interesting facts about LIW that I had never read before. There were letters, anecdotes, and cute stories from some of Laura and Almanzo's neighbors and friends in Mansfield, Mo. A book all LIW fan's should have in their collections.

Lady says

I wish I knew what happened to my copy of this book, because it was - and is - a delightful read, with insights into Laura's life that are, for whatever reason(s), not to be found in her acclaimed *Little House on the Prairie* series. Quotes from those who knew her, letters written by Laura herself, and descriptions of the times and places in which she lived abound in this book. If you're a fan of Laura Ingalls Wilder, you must read this book.

Jennifer says

Really enjoyed this book. It's just what Hines describes it as in the introduction, a "bouquet" of Laura Ingalls Wilder stuff. While I understand that there will be discrepancies in people's memories and experiences after all the time and everyone would have had their own experiences and impressions of Laura, I would have appreciated if Hines would have addressed some of the discrepancies and attempted to find out the truth or add context- this is the only thing missing from the book.

Christina M. says

I recently re-read this book because of Pioneer Girl and I noticed that Ma's maiden was spelled Quinter and found it very odd that this was not corrected. After all this time and I just realized this misspelling.

Laura Verret says

This biography is a bit scattered, but it offered a lot of enjoyable information about Laura's post-Little House on the Prairie years. I also found it quite astonishing that Rose (Laura's daughter) became a communist, then switched to libertarianism! I mean, those are completely OPPOSITE ends of the political spectrum! I also wish the author would have included more non-sweets in the recipe section.

Videoclimber(AKA)MTsLilSis says

This book was filled with interesting little known facts. I enjoyed learning more about Rose and chuckled

when I found out that Almanzo was only 5 foot 4. This would be a good start for a report about life during those times. Great for those who wanted to know more about her life. This one is wonderful to read with your children.

Renee says

Oh, Laura. Growing up the Little House Books were some of my favorites, and I still reread them often. For years The Long Winter came with me on every trip, car or plane.

I enjoyed all of the memories people shared and it gave me a sense of what she was like in her later years. I most enjoyed the chapter on several enduring Ingalls/Wilder family mysteries.

When I got to the end and read the obituary printed in the Mansfield paper, I nearly started bawling. As irrational as it is, I think, to me, she is perennially alive in her books, which made reading the obits difficult. Long live Laura!

Melissa Wells says

It was definitely a great read but I found it dragged in some places. It was definitely a disappointment if your looking for the woman you loved through the Little House tv series but it's an excellent account of the real life Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Charlotte says

Found this displayed in the library for Women's History Month. I love reading anything about Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Amanda says

Very interesting and entertaining look at the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder as an adult, mostly in her senior years after writing her books. I learned a lot about the intriguing woman and very much enjoyed the book.
