

**Laura Ingalls Wilder**

As a mature woman Laura wrote an autobiography entitled *Pioneer Girl*. It was not appealing for publication as an adult book, but she later used stories from it for a children's audience. The *Little House* series of books is a fictionalized account of her life, particularly on the prairies of the United States in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. She wrote *The Long Winter* about the blizzards of 1880-1881 when her family moved from their claim into the town of De Smet, South Dakota.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1g14K8sz10o>. The story of the blizzards is told by Mentor Public Lib. reference librarian, Meredith Tomeo at about 36:25 minutes into the YouTube video "The Life and Legacy of Laura Ingalls Wilder." The story of the wheat which saved the town from starvation, is related beginning about 39:00.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUXIY0T8CMU> A visit to various "little houses" related to Laura Ingalls Wilder, her travels and the time period in which she lived.