



Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder by Caroline Fraser

Millions of readers of *Little House on the Prairie* believe they know Laura Ingalls--the pioneer girl who survived blizzards and near-starvation on the Great Plains, and the woman who wrote the famous autobiographical books. But the true saga of her life has never been fully told. Now, drawing on unpublished manuscripts, letters, diaries, and land and financial records, Caroline Fraser masterfully fills in the gaps in Wilder's biography. With fresh insight and new discoveries about Wilder's life and times, *Prairie Fires* sets the record straight regarding charges of ghostwriting that have swirled around the books and reveals the grown-up story behind the most influential childhood epic of pioneer life