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# HarperCollins Children's Books Celebrates Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House series in eBook!

New York, NY (March 8, 2016)—HarperCollins Children's Books celebrates an incredible milestone: for the first time ever, the entire nine book Little House series by Laura Ingalls Wilder will be available in eBook format. With more than 34 million copies sold, Laura Ingalls Wilder's books have been cherished by generations of readers.

Laura Ingalls Wilder was born on February 7, 1867 in Pepin Wisconsin, and her stories are all based on her real life experiences growing up on the American frontier. *Little House in the Big Woods*, published in 1932, was Wilder's first book and it introduced readers to a spirited girl named Laura who lived with her Ma and Pa, and her sisters Mary and Carrie, in a "cozy gray house made of logs." The book launched one of the most well-known and beloved series in American history, and went on to sell over 6 million copies. Five of the nine books are Newbery Honor Books: *On the Banks of Plum Creek*, *By the Shores of Silver Lake*, *The Long Winter*, *Little Town on the Prairie*, and *These Happy Golden Years*. Now, with the release of these treasured classics as eBooks, parents will be able to share these perennial favorites with a new generation of readers. The eBooks will also feature the classic Garth Williams illustrations, which will all be available in brilliant full color on full color devices and in rich black and white on all other devices. When Laura first saw Garth's art, she remarked that she and her family "live again in these pictures."

"We are thrilled and honored to offer these beautiful stories as eBooks," says Suzanne Murphy, President and Publisher, HarperCollins Children's Books. "Year after year, children and adults enjoy the magic in Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House books which is a testament to the timelessness of this series."

## **ABOUT LAURA INGALLS WILDER**

Laura Ingalls Wilder was born in the Wisconsin woods in 1867. She wrote the Little House books based on her own experiences growing up on the Western frontier. Just like the characters in her stories, Laura and her family traveled by covered wagon across the Midwest and experienced many of the same adventures. She finally settled down in Mansfield, Missouri with her husband, Almanzo, where she lived until her death in 1957.

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