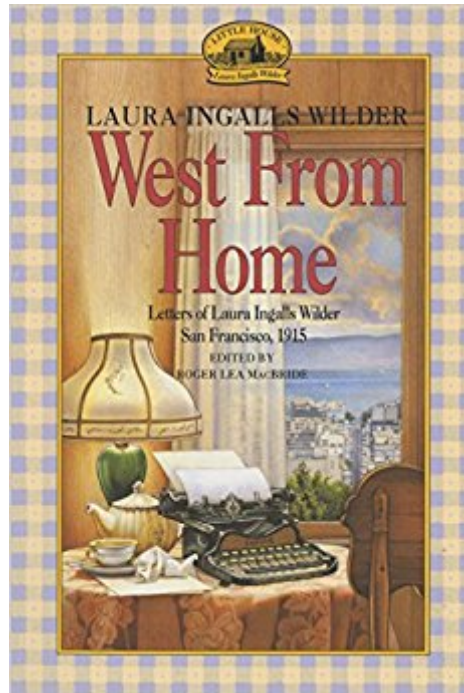




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"It is like a fairyland." So Laura Ingalls Wilder described her 1915 voyage to San Francisco to visit her daughter, Rose Wilder Lane. Laura's husband, Almanzo, was unable to leave their Missouri farm and it is her faithful letters home, vividly describing every detail of her journey, that have been gathered here. Includes 24 pages of exciting photographs and completely redesigned jacket art.

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Customer Reviews

Laura Ingalls Wilder (1867–1957) was born in a log cabin in the Wisconsin woods. With her family, she pioneered throughout America's heartland during the 1870s and 1880s, finally settling in Dakota Territory. She married Almanzo Wilder in 1885; their only daughter, Rose, was born the following year. The Wilders moved to Rocky Ridge Farm at Mansfield, Missouri, in 1894, where they established a permanent home. After years of farming, Laura wrote the first of her beloved Little House books in 1932. The nine Little House books are international classics. Her writings live on into the twenty-first century as America's quintessential pioneer story.

This was a wonderful book and provided me with a new view of Laura Ingalls that I had not previously known. Like many others, I grew up with the Little House series having received "Little

House In The Big Woods" (the first of the series) as a Christmas present when I was six. I quickly read through all of the others in the series which was quite a few years before the t.v. series began. I really like seeing this side of Laura and her daughter, Rose. Even if one has not read all of the Little House books, they would still find this book enjoyable. It also provides a wonderful education of life in San Francisco and other areas of California during the early 1900s. I even plan on re-reading it, just as I did all of the other Little House books and highly recommend other Laura Ingalls fans add this book to their collections.

This is an interesting book with lots of pictures taken when Laura goes to visit her daughter Rose in San Francisco during the 1915 World's Fair. As Laura sends letters back home to Almanzo we get an inside look of their close relationship. We learn about Laura's hope to write for a newspaper and her interaction with Rose who tries to critique her writing. We get to see Laura as a woman when she is now Bessie and Almanzo is now Manly. This is a good read and it helps one discover how quickly the United States has changed in a short few years.

It's interesting to see how Laura Ingalls actually wrote before she was edited by Rose. Kind of depressing. But I am a Laura Ingalls Wilder fan, it was just very interesting to see her in such a different light

I live in the San Francisco Bay area and my mom told me about going to the Pan Pacific fair in 1915. So when I read in the local newspaper Laura Ingalls Wilder had written of her visit to her daughter at this time and her observations, I had to see if I had the book and they did. Very good if interested in Bay area history.

I enjoyed the letters that provided insight to Laura's relationship with her husband and daughter and polite disrespect for her son-in-law (read between the lines) definitely a must read for any follower of the Laura Ingalls Wilder admirers. My family of 6 is an avid follower and really enjoyed this book.

I bought this as a gift for my wife and kids. My wife started reading immediately. She liked that I had bought the additional copies of the first two books contained in this complete works edition: *On the Way Home* and *West from Home*, so she could have her own copy of the complete collection and still read out loud to the kids or let them read by themselves, without losing her spot. By the time the kids had finished reading their copies she was also finished and happily let them read the final

book from her copy.

I love all things Laura Ingalls.

Laura Ingalls Wilder makes a trip by train to visit her daughter, Rose, in 1915 in San Francisco. It was during the 1915 World's Fair. Laura visited for two months and wrote interesting, detailed letters back home to Almanzo about what she saw and did. Some of her descriptions were captivating in their detail. The book fills in gaps and answers questions about the years following the events of the Little House books. The reader meets Rose, the daughter, as an adult, and begins to learn about her amazing life as a successful writer. It was during this visit that Rose begins to help Laura learn how to better write for publication, such as how to block-out a story. The reader gets an insight into Rose's fierce loyalty and sense of responsibility to her parents.

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