

Synopsis

Revisit one of the most beloved books in Laura Ingalls Wilder's classic Little House series with this gorgeous hardcover, unjacketed edition of *Farmer Boy*, featuring a special foreword from Ree Drummond, all-new iconic cover art, and no interior art. While Laura Ingalls grows up in a little house on the western prairie, Almanzo Wilder is living on a big farm in New York State. Almanzo and his brother and sisters help with the summer planting and fall harvest. In winter there is wood to be chopped and great slabs of ice to be cut from the river and stored. Almanzo wishes for just one thing—his very own horse—but he must prove that he is ready for such a big responsibility. Based on the childhood of Laura's husband, Almanzo Wilder, *Farmer Boy* is the second book in the award-winning Little House series, which has captivated generations of readers with its depiction of life on the American frontier.

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Customer Reviews

While Laura Ingalls grows up in a little house on the western prairie, Almanzo Wilder is living on a big farm in New York State. Here Almanzo and his brother and sisters help with the summer planting and fall harvest. In winter there is wood to be chopped and great slabs of ice to be cut from the river and stored. Time for fun comes when the jolly tin peddler visits, or best of all, when the fair comes to town. This is Laura Ingalls Wilder's beloved story of how her husband Almanzo grew up

as a farmer boy far from the little house where Laura lived.

Laura Ingalls Wilder (1867â€“1957) was born in a log cabin in the Wisconsin woods. With her family, she pioneered throughout Americaâ€™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 Americaâ€™s quintessential pioneer story.

Bought this for long car rides -- so much better than a DVD! My 5, 12 and 17 year old all love it. The reader does a great job. She has a very clear voice and you really get into the story. She's not monotonous but also isn't overly theatrical. We have all really gotten engrossed in this story (which I didn't expect). I enjoy this greatly and enjoy that my kids are into it. My middle son has read the story, so it's great for him to hear it as well :)

Loved it. Fun and interesting. Seemed a bit short to me, but still enjoyable. Ages 10- and up. I do suggest, but you should read the first one first. Don't listen to the people who say it's boring because it's definitely not. It just for older kids. Please don't make reviews saying "my 5 year old got bored" of course they would they're 5 at least wait till they can read on their own. Kids 10+ it's great. Girls may like it more.

This gift was perfect for my niece in Spain who knows some English but needs to keep up on it. She has watched the series on TV and was excited to be able to read the book. She is nine years old. The book is a good size and though the drawings are in black and white they are age appropriate since they seem less like a child's book, they are also beautifully done. The font is also a good size, easily readable. Of course, I like the fact that the content is clean with out any agenda for a pre-teen.

I enjoyed listening to this book. It took me back to a time when I was about six years old and my grandmother was reading one of these books to all of her granddaughters.

Little House On The Prairie is the second book in this series-it even spawned a successful T.V.

show. This one follows the Ingalls family to Kansas. Pa sells the house in the big woods in search of something bigger and better. His idea of bigger and better? Indian Country! This makes Ma very uneasy, as she feels Indians are savage people. Pa assures her that they are only savage when provoked and that they are very peaceful people. Laura, on the other hand, understands why they're upset. They have been forced to move away to allow settlers to live on their land. She is desperate to see an Indian baby. Pa promises her she will see one. Ma is outraged, saying that she already has a baby sister but Laura wants an Indian baby in addition. Laura does see one and is so excited. The family is plagued by illness and prairie fires and there is even an unpleasant encounter with two Indians. Prairie life doesn't quite turn out as Pa hoped, but his motto is simple: no matter how bad things are, you must never give up or give in if you want to survive. Great motto indeed!

It was so much fun listening to this on our way to visit the Little House on the Prairie museum in Independence, KS. It was bizarre because it seemed we were passing places that were in the book at the same time they were being mentioned in the book! I promise I did not intentionally plan our trip this way! :)

We follow Almanzo in one year of his life. Yet it is a important year, the year that changes his life, where he learns about how to handle oxen, how to handle money, and how to handle life in general. Life, in general, is hard in this early part of American history. And why are we following Almanzo? Because he will, when he gets older, marry Laura Ingalls, making her Laura Ingalls Wilder. So after following the life of Laura in Little House in the Big woods and Little House on the Prairie we now get to meet her future husband. It is enjoyable if feeling a tad long. But it is a year and, frankly, I enjoy early American history even if it is set in fiction.

In this third installment, we are now introduced to the man who will one day capture Laura's heart and become her husband. I'm talking about Almanzo Wilder. This time we see a young boy who lives a typical life in Upstate New York working on his family's farm. Like his future wife, Manly must help his family with the daily chores. He especially loves breaking in the calves and the horses. He and his family spend long hours on the farm and brave even the worst of weather. Manly learns some important lessons that later help him start his own farming business with his brother and he even finds a wallet. Returning it, he is accused of stealing. Witnesses defend him and the money goes to Manly as a result of the owner being ungrateful. He is also accused of cheating in a contest. He proves that he was only trying to grow a healthy pumpkin and wins the contest.

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