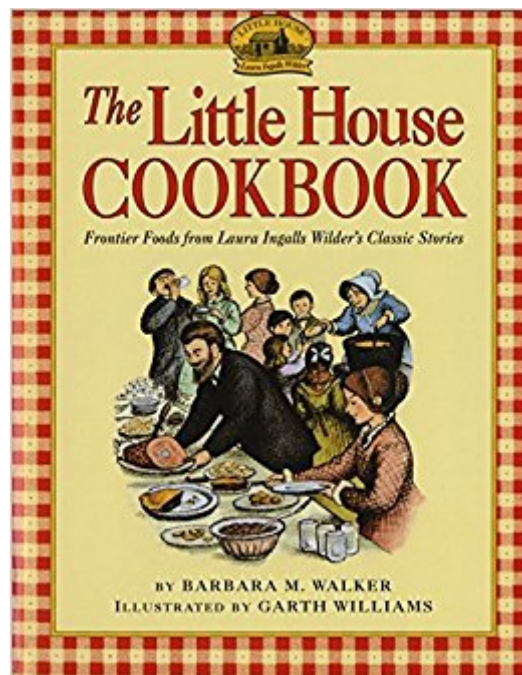




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The Little House Cookbook: Frontier Foods From Laura Ingalls Wilder's Classic Stories



Synopsis

This award-winning cookbook features more than 100 of the recipes that Laura Ingalls Wilder chronicles in her classic Little House books. A great gift for Little House fans and anyone who wants more information about what life on the prairie was really like. With this cookbook, you can learn how to make classic frontier dishes like corn dodgers, mincemeat pie, cracklings, and pulled molasses candy. The book also includes excerpts from the Little House books, fascinating and thoroughly researched historical context, and details about the cooking methods that pioneers like Ma Ingalls used, as well as illustrations by beloved artist Garth Williams. This is a chance to dive into the world of Laura Ingalls Wilder, American pioneer, women's club member, and farm homesteader. This book has been widely praised and is the winner of the Western Heritage Award from the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. The Horn Book praised it as "a culinary and literary feast."

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Over 100 authentic recipes of pioneer food from the pages of Laura Ingalls Wilder's series are included in this book. All ages. Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc.

“More than a cookbook, this social history is an extension of the Wilder books done with the

same spirit of care and love. (School Library Journal) "A culinary and literary feast. (The Horn Book)

Very good book. I initially thought there would be more illustrations, but I ended up enjoying the book anyways. I find the lack of clear cut, detailed illustrations help the reader (children especially) comprehend the recipes, use imagery for the Little House book excerpts, and focus more on accurately creating the finished product. You simply cannot "look" and create, but must truly focus on the reading material. The reading is fairly simple, laid out in plain text format. Each recipe lists the name, the excerpt from the original Little House books including Farmer Boy during which said recipe was mentioned, the ingredients and instructions. I appreciate how the author introduces herself and her inspiration for creating The Little House Cookbook and the great lengths she went to to accurately piece together recipes from the Frontier time era and her source credits. The recipes call for mostly staple items so most of them will be pretty easy to acquire (e.g., flour, sugar, butter, cream, eggs). However, some of the wild game recipes may be very difficult if not impossible to acquire ingredients for (e.g., fowl, roasted pig, starlings). Still, it's a good read and will come in handy for treats for friends and family. Already I have friends who are yearning for some of the dessert and bread recipes!

I think anyone who is a fan of the LHOTP books, would agree that when they read the books, their mouth would start to water at the way Laura described the food! So as you can imagine, I was so excited when I found this cookbook!! This is a beautifully written book, that definitely has a lot of work put into it.

I always wondered how Laura Ingalls Wilder and her family managed to eat in such wilderness surroundings. Food was scarce especially during the Long Winter. I'm still amazed that pioneers managed to survive such harsh conditions. This book has some good recipes especially if you are wanting to stay off the grid as much as possible.

My only issue with the book is how it's printed and bound because I prefer cookbooks on better quality paper with a binding that can handle use in the kitchen. That said, it wasn't enough to make it 4 stars. Maybe 4.5, I rounded up. The recipes are well laid out with a lot of history. It makes an excellent tool of discussion and education with students who are reading the series or families who enjoy watching re-runs of the tv show. Some of the recipes don't adapt well to things you can easily

get at the supermarket, but just reading those recipes is fun and modern cooks will find the difference in technique and ingredients very interesting. We are so used to being able to get so many alternative ingredients, to having 50 kinds of oil to choose from at the grocery store, that just the use of salt pork or bacon in so many common dishes is a good conversation. Being able to discuss cooking methods, economical measures, and working with what was available are all good things to explore with your children. I got it as a way of encouraging my daughter to read the original series. It's hard getting her interested in novels sometimes, but she loves cookbooks and historical recipes. Using it that way has worked, she's been slowly going through the series and enjoying it. Highly recommended for fans of the show or the books obviously, but also a good resource for people who enjoy reenacting history. Many of the recipes are accurate for the Civil War Era.

Got this for my 9 year old granddaughter who loves little house on the Prairie and cooking and she loves it :)

I really love this book. The recipes are intriguing. Have already made a couple of the items. My husband and I have visited the wilder homestead, very educational. Highly recommend!!!!

My granddaughter is a fan of the Little House books and the TV show. She also enjoys cooking, so this made a nice gift. I do however wish it was available in spiral form.

I purchased this as a gift for my sister and it was a huge hit. Some of the recipes are very time consuming and complex because they are truly written out to be made as they would have been during the time Laura and her family lived on the prairie.

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