

# Laura Ingalls Wilder Quotes

*Thinking, Home, Men, Years, House, Heart, Long, Mind, Eye, Little House On  
The Prairie, Light, Age, Happiness, Kindness, Needs, Sleep, Mother, Lakes,  
Fever, Memories*

The real things haven't changed. It is still best to be honest and truthful; to make the most of what we have; to be happy with simple pleasures; and have courage when things go wrong.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

It is the sweet, simple things of life which are the real ones after all.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

A good laugh overcomes more difficulties and dissipates more dark clouds than any other one thing.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Remember me with smiles and laughter, for that is how I'll remember you all. If you can only remember me with tears, then don't remember me at all.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

But in the east the sky was pale and through the gray woods came lanterns with wagons and horses, bringing Grandpa and Grandma and aunts and uncles and cousins.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

The true way to live is to enjoy every moment as it passes, and surely it is in the everyday things around us that the beauty of life lies.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Home is the nicest word there is.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

No one has ever achieved anything from the smallest to the greatest unless the dream was dreamed first.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

It is the simple things of life that make living worthwhile, the sweet

fundamental things such as love and duty, work and rest, and living close to nature.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Courage and kindness, loyalty, truth, and helpfulness are always the same and always needed.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Remember well, and bear in mind, a constant friend is hard to find.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Let's be cheerful! We have no more right to steal the brightness out of the day for our own family than we have to steal the purse of a stranger.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Every job is good if you do your best and work hard. A man who works hard stinks only to the ones that have nothing to do but smell.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

You venture into the unknown land because that is where your heart will take you. In the end, it is not what you want to do, it is something you have to do.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Did you ever think how a bit of land shows the character of the owner?

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

It does not so much matter what happens. It is what one does when it happens that really counts.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

The sweetness of life lies in usefulness, like honey deep in the heart of a clover bloom.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

It is a good idea sometimes to think of the importance and dignity of our every-day duties. It keeps them from being so tiresome; besides, others are apt take us at our own valuation.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

There's no great loss without some small gain.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

It is not the things you have that make you happy. It is love and kindness and helping each other and just plain being good.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Suffering passes, while love is eternal. That's a gift that you have received from God. Don't waste it.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Her blue eyes were still beautiful, but they did not know what was before them, and Mary herself could never look through them again to tell Laura what she was thinking without saying a word.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

The only stupid thing about words is the spelling of them.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

These times are too progressive. Everything has changed too fast. Railroads and telegraphs and kerosene and coal stoves -- they're good to have but the trouble is, folks get to depend on 'em.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

So Pa sold the little house. He sold the cow and calf. He made hickory bows and fastened them upright to the wagon box. Ma helped him stretch white canvas over them.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

We must get rid of the habit of classing all women together politically and thinking of the 'woman's vote' as one and indivisible.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Ma sighed gently and said, "A whole year gone, Charles." But Pa answered, cheerfully: "What's a year amount to? We have all the time there is.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

The wilderness needs your whole attention.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

These happy golden years are passing by, these happy golden years.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

I believe we would be happier to have a personal revolution in our individual lives and go back to simpler living and more direct thinking.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Wild animals would not stay in a country where there were so many people. Pa did not like to stay, either. He liked a country where the wild animals lived without being afraid.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Many a good beginning makes a bad ending.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Once you begin being naughty, it is easier to go and on and on, and sooner or later something dreadful happens.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

We go lightheartedly on our way, never thinking that by a careless word or two we may have altered the whole course of human lives, for some person will take our advice and use it.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Life begins at eighty.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

I understood....that in my own life I represented a whole period of American history.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Everything from the little house was in the wagon, except the beds and tables and chairs. They did not need to take these, because Pa could always make new ones.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Persons appear to us according to the light we throw upon them from our own minds. -Laura Ingalls Wilder, author (1867-1957)

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

All I have told is true, but it is not the whole truth.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

We had no choice. Sadness was as dangerous as panthers and bears. the wilderness needs your whole attention.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

The world seems a lonesome place when mother has passed away and only memories of her are left.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

In order to thoroughly enjoy anything, one must feel the absence of it at times.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Money hasn't any value of its own; it represents the stored up energy of men and women and is really just someone's promise to pay a certain amount of that energy.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

The uplift of a fearless heart will help us over barriers. No one ever overcomes difficulties by going at them in a hesitant, doubtful way.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

The object of all education is to make folks fit to live.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

In these days when we feed those who are not hungry, we are stealing from those who are starving, even though the food is our own.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Mary and Carrie and baby Grace and Ma had all had scarlet fever. The Nelsons across the creek had had it too, so there had been no one to help Pa and Laura.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

There the wild animals wandered and fed as though they were in a pasture that stretched much farther than a man could see, and there were no settlers. Only Indians lived there.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Far worst of all, the fever had settled in Mary's eyes, and Mary was blind.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

People used to have time to live and enjoy themselves, but there is no time anymore for anything but work, work, work.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Vices are simply overworked virtues.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Never bet your money on another man's game.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

There is no comfort anywhere for anyone who dreads to go home.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

The trouble with organizing a thing is that pretty soon folks get to paying more attention to the organization than to what they're organized for.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

If enough people think of a thing and work hard enough at it, I guess it's pretty nearly bound to happen, wind and weather permitting.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

They drove a long way through the snowy woods, till they came to the town of Pepin. Mary and Laura had seen it once before, but it looked different now.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

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That which is the wonder of one age is the commonplace of the next.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

There is nothing wrong with God's plan that man should earn his bread by the sweat of his brow.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

We'd never get anything fixed to suit us if we waited for things to suit us before we started.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

We heap up around us things that we do not need as the crow makes piles of glittering pebbles.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Let your joy scream across the pain.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

Tact does for life just what lubricating oil does for machinery.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

She heard pa shouting, "Jiminy crickets! It's raining fish-hooks and hammer handles!"

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

If the members of a home are ill-tempered and quarrelsome, how quickly you feel it when you enter the house. You may not know just what is wrong, but you wish to make your visit short.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

No rich man can walk through the eye of a needle.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

[On dishonesty:] If there were a cry of 'stop thief!' we would all stand

still.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

The days have never been long enough to do the things I would like to do. Every year has held more of interest than the year before.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder

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