

# Little House in the Big Woods

## Laura Ingalls Wilder

### Characters:

Laura- A little girl who lives in a log house in the big woods of Wisconsin. Her Pa calls her his little half-pint of sweet cider half drunk up.

Mary- Laura's older sister who has beautiful golden hair and acts like a perfect little girl.

Baby Caroline (Carrie)- Laura and Mary's younger sister who according to Laura "is the prettiest baby in the whole world".

Charles Ingalls- Laura's Pa who built the family's house and often goes to town to trade the furs he obtained from the animals he shot with his rifle for supplies and cloth.

Caroline Ingalls- Laura's Ma who keeps house and sews dresses for Mary, Laura, Baby Carrie and herself.

Jack- The bull dog who protects the family

Black Susan- The Ingalls' cat who hunts for mice.

Grandpa Ingalls- Makes Maple Syrup, Maple Sugar, and Maple Cakes. Holds a sugar off with a dance

Grandma Ingalls- Out jigged Uncle George, cooks supper for the guests at the sugar off.

Uncle George- Ran away to be a drummer man in the army when he was fourteen, called by Pa a "wild man".

Aunt Docia and Aunt Ruby- Pa's sister's who live with Grandma and Grandpa Ingalls.

Mrs. Peterson- A Swede whom Laura and Mary sometimes went to visit, she always gave them each a cookie when they left.

Eva- A pretty girl, with dark eyes and black curls.

Clarence- A red-headed boy with freckles, and was always laughing.

Mr. and Mrs. Huleatt- The parents of Eva and Clarence.

Aunt Lotty- Laura and Mary's Aunt who liked brown curls and golden curls.

Uncle Henry- Caroline's brother who trades work with Pa, father of Charley.

Aunt Polly- Charles' sister, Uncle Henry's wife, mother of Charley.

Cousin Charley- A big boy going on eleven years old who can walk on the top rail of the fence without being afraid. He played wolf three times with Pa and Uncle Henry, but the fourth time he was stung by many yellow jackets because he accidentally stepped in their nest.

Aunt Eliza- Caroline's sister, Uncle Peter's wife, mother of Peter, Alice, and Ella.

Uncle Peter- Aunt Eliza's husband, father of Peter, Alice, and Ella.

Peter, Alice, and Ella- Laura, Mary, and Carrie's cousins, children of Uncle Peter and Aunt Eliza.

## Questions:

- Where does this story take place? **(In the big woods of Wisconsin)**
- What do Laura and Mary call their parents? **(Pa and Ma)**
- With whom does Laura sleep with? **(Mary)**
- What two parts of the hog did Pa promise Laura and Mary? **(The tail and the bladder)**
- What was the bear Pa shot holding in his arms? **(A pig)**
- According to the rhyme Ma used to say, what type of work is to be done on Thursday? **(Churning)**
- What did Ma's butter mold picture? **(A strawberry with two leaves)**
- What was one game Pa played with Mary and Laura? **(Mad Dog)**
- What couldn't Pa find in the story *The Voice in the Woods*? **(The cows)**
- What did Ma put on the shelf Pa made her for Christmas? **(Her little china woman)**
- Who came to the Ingalls' to spend Christmas? **(Aunt Eliza, Uncle Peter, Alice, Peter, and Ella)**
- What is the name of Uncle Peter's dog? **(Prince)**
- What presents were in all of the children's stockings? **(A pair of bright red mittens and a long, flat stick of peppermint candy)**
- What special present did Laura receive? **(A rag doll)**
- What did Laura name her doll? **(Charlotte)**
- What was for breakfast Christmas morning? **(Pancakes)**
- What day of the week drags by very slowly, according to Laura? **(Sunday)**
- What did Pa accidentally mistake for a bear? **(A burned stump)**
- What dress does Ma wear to Grandpa's dance? **(Her delaine)**
- Who made Ma's delaine? **(A dressmaker)**
- What color was Aunt Docia's dress? **(Dark blue, with sprigs of red flowers and green leaves thick upon it)**
- What color was Aunt Ruby's dress? **(A wine-colored calico, covered all over with a feathery pattern in lighter wine color)**
- What color was Ma's dress? **(Dark green, with little leaves that looked like strawberries scattered all over it)**
- Who did Laura defend saying "she was the prettiest baby in the whole world? **(Baby Carrie)**
- What color was Grandma's dress? **(Dark blue calico with autumn-colored leaves scattered over it)**
- What was the name of Mary's doll? **(Nettie)**
- What color dress did Mary go to town in? **(China-blue calico)**
- What color dress did Laura go to town in? **(Dark-red calico)**

Why did Laura dislike her hair? **(It was brown)**  
How many times did Laura and Mary see deer on their way to town? **(Twice)**  
What was the name of the town the family went to? **(Pepin)**  
What color was the printing on the candy Laura and Mary received? **(Red)**  
What did Laura's candy say? **(Sweets to the sweet)**  
Who took so many pebbles her pocket broke? **(Laura)**  
What is the name of the lake next to the town? **(Lake Pepin)**  
What did Laura often wish she was? **(A boy)**  
How does Pa respond when Laura asks if he likes golden hair more than brown? **(Well, Laura my hair is brown)**  
According to Pa's song what happened to Old Grimes? **(The wind blew him away)**  
What does Pa claim never sting him? **(Bees)**  
According to Pa, what are the days of Auld Lang Syne? **(The days of long, long ago)**  
In what time period did this story take place? **(The 1870's)**

### **In What Book...**

Did a little girl live with her Ma, her Pa, her sister Mary, and her baby sister Carrie?  
Did a little girl cover her ears so she didn't have to hear the hog squeal?  
Did a man polish and reload his gun every night?  
Did a little girl receive a special doll in her Christmas stocking?  
Did a large dog prevent a woman from being killed by a panther while she is going to get water?  
Did a man play his fiddle in the evening?  
Did a man tell the story of Grandpa's sled and the pig?  
Did a man accidentally mistake a burned stump for a bear?  
Did a woman slap a bear thinking it was her cow?  
Did a family go to a dance at their grandpa's?  
Were two children excited when they were told they could go to town for the first time?  
Was a girl jealous of her sister because she had beautiful hair?  
Did a family live with a dog named, Jack and a cat named, Black Susan?  
Did a family go to a town called Pepin?  
Was a little girl so greedy, her pocket ripped?

Did two girls think it was unfair that their baby sister got a whole cookie, when they only got half of a cookie?

Did a woman have to decide if she liked brown hair or golden hair the best?

Did a man boast "bees never sting me"?

Did a little girl ask her father what the days of Auld Lang Syne were?