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The Adventures Of Laura & Jack (Laura #1)



Synopsis

Laura Ingalls Wilder's nine original Little House books have been read and cherished by millions of readers. Gentle adaptations of these celebrated stories have been gathered together here in a brand new series of Little House Chapter Books. With simple captivating text and Renée Graef's breath-taking artwork created in the style of Garth Williams, Little House Chapter Books are the perfect way to introduce beginning chapter book readers to the exciting world of Little House.

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Grade Level: 2 - 5

Customer Reviews

This book is very, very interesting. My seven year old daughter loved this book. The book is about the different homesteads that Laura and her family had lived and the adventures of not only Laura's, but Jack, her bulldog, as well. This book is bound to keep any child on the edge of their seats with the dangerous experiences that Laura and Jack and her family face. The reader of this book will experience many different emotions from being happy to tears of sadness. I recommend this book to all children.

This is a nicely written book for the age group, but there are two things you may want to be aware of. 1) There is no over-arching plot for the entire book. With one exception, each chapter is a little

story that involves both Laura and Jack. The stories occur chronologically, but over the course of several years (baby Carrie in the beginning is able to help Pa load the wagon at the end of the book). There are only 9 chapters, so this makes it feel a bit disjointed to an adult who has read a lot of fiction. It probably doesn't matter much to a kid, and isn't necessarily a bad thing, especially if you are reading this to your child one chapter at a time over the course of several days. There are two chapters that go together (2 and 3), with a cliffhanger at the end of Chapter 2 that might be a bit scary for younger kids, but it is resolved well in Chapter 3. It's been about 30 years since I read the original series, so I'm not sure if every chapter is based on events in those books.²) The last chapter is sad if you have a sensitive child or one who has experienced loss in one form or another around the time you read it. Once I realized what was going to happen, I told my daughter that we couldn't finish the book that night. I'm not one to shield her from every sad fact of life, but I thought it best not to lay this on her right before she went to sleep. One could easily choose just not to read it (the book still holds together without it, since most chapters are basically individual stories). I'm just mentioning it, as I'd wish I'd known about it before I started that chapter. This event involves Jack and occurs due to old age. However, the subject is treated well and with respect for Jack. Also, I don't see any reason why boys couldn't read this, too. There's nothing "girly" about it, cover illustration aside (although there are no boy characters).

I read this book when I was nine or ten. Now I'm reading the Little House novels. But I still remember how much I loved the chapter books, especially this one. It tells about Laura Ingalls and her adventures with her dog, Jack. I got really sad when the family lost Jack while crossing a river on their way to Kansas, and they thought he had died. But I loved when that night, an animal came to where the Ingalls were. It had bright eyes, and they thought it was a wolf! It turned out that the "wolf" was Jack! He hadn't died after all! The book told of lots of other adventures Laura had with Jack. I recommend this book to girls seven to ten. If you read this book, I know you'll enjoy it.

I grew up reading Laura Ingalls, as many other girls have, so when my daughter was fond of the television show, I couldn't wait to introduce her to the books! But her reading level was just not quite there yet. I tried the Little House picture books--which are great and she enjoyed them, but got too frustrated to read them herself--but it turns out this little series is a little bit easier to read, despite having far less pictures. Now, here's the shocking part... she is completely attached to this book (without pictures!) and has been reading it by choice night after night--by herself. I thought maybe she was just pretending, but when I questioned her, she told me what the book was actually about,

and when I tried to lure her away with a more illustrated book, thinking she was surely on the edge of frustration, she said she really wanted to stick with the Laura book! So... I'm impressed. It must be a very good book to be so attractive to a struggling new reader. And it will definitely be a good bridge to other chapter books, or books without any pictures at all.

I have always loved the Little House on the Prairie books and tv show. My eight year old was a little intimidated, I think, by the full length books. She loves this book, though, as it is the perfect length and difficulty level for her. She loves dogs, too, so is interested in stories about Jack. She and I have been reading this together.

Our 3 and 5 year old love these stories! I've been surprised since there are very little pictures... but the stories hold their attention and leave them asking for another! The chapters are quite short and each book only has 8-10 chapters, so sadly we breeze through them in a hurry! Just wish they sold them in a complete set... it's getting expensive to buy them one by one. Am thinking of not buying the rest of them and just moving onto the big Little House set, we shall see...

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