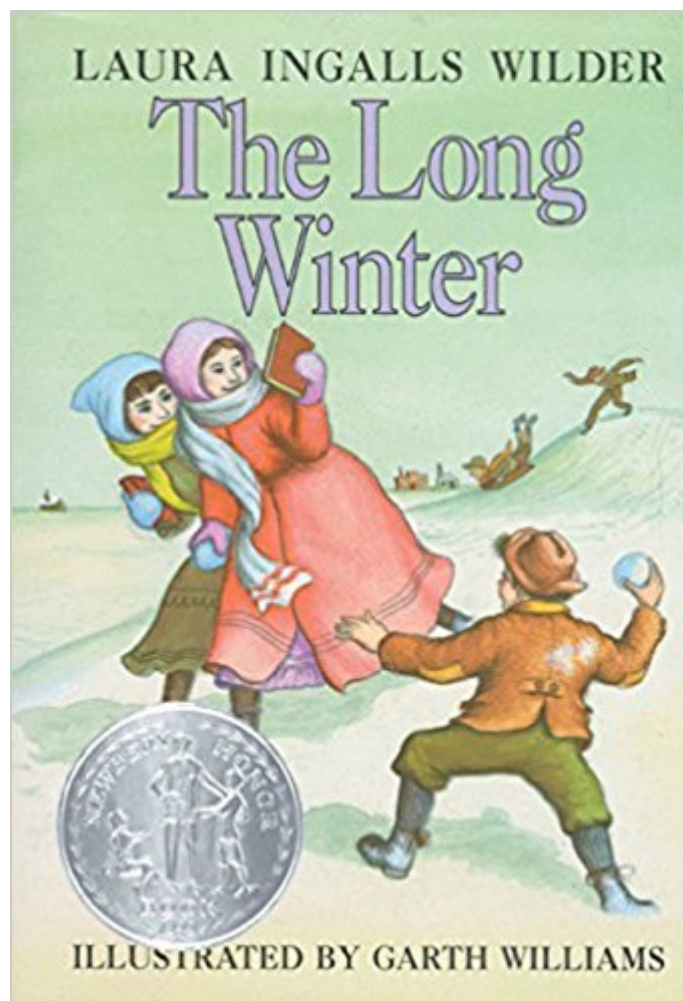


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# The Long Winter



## Synopsis

The sixth book in Laura Ingalls Wilder's treasured Little House series, and the recipient of a Newbery Honor. This edition features the classic black-and-white artwork from Garth Williams. The fledgling town of De Smet in the Dakota Territory is hit hard by the brutal winter of 1880-1881. Laura, Pa, Ma, Mary, Carrie, and little Grace face the winter as best they can, but soon, blizzards have covered the town in snow that piles up to the rooftops, cutting the town off from supplies and trade. Food stores begin to run dangerously low. To save the town from starvation, young Almanzo Wilder and a friend brave the conditions, set off across the prairie in search of wheat, and return victorious. The town is saved, and the townspeople share in an unusual, but joyful, Christmas celebration. The nine books in the timeless Little House series tell the story of Laura's real childhood as an American pioneer, and are cherished by readers of all generations. They offer a unique glimpse into life on the American frontier, and tell the heartwarming, unforgettable story of a loving family.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"Perhaps the most impressive of these vivid and memorable narratives." Times Literary Supplement  
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The adventures of Laura Ingalls and her family continue as Pa, Ma, Laura, Mary, Carrie, and little Grace bravely face the hard winter of 1880-81 in their little house in the Dakota Territory. Blizzards

cover the little town with snow, cutting off all supplies from the outside. Soon there is almost no food left, so young Almanzo Wilder and a friend make a dangerous trip across the prairie to find some wheat. Finally a joyous Christmas is celebrated in a very unusual way in this most exciting of all the Little House books.

This book's storyline had me hooked from beginning to end and I devoured it. I loved the fact that I was reading a factual story written by Laura Ingalls Wilder herself telling how her and her family went through a long and very hard winter that occurs like once every 21 years. A blizzard after a blizzard hits that lasts 3-4 days at a time and the pattern goes on for months. The snow is so deep it's higher than the door openings. The house is freezing cold except for around the fireplace that's heated with the only provision available, straw that Pa and Laura twist into "logs" to put in the fireplace. Their food supply slowly dwindles and the family is forced to ration what they have left in order to survive because the train bringing food and provisions is buried on the tracks the next town over and even though Pa and other townfolk hike down the tracks to try and shovel it free, they come close but have to quite and hurry home because another blizzard hits and buries the train again. This book is a fabulous read for people of all ages. I highly recommend it to everyone!

I grew up on the Little House books and still like to go back and reread them occasionally, for their wisdom, their entertainment value and for their glimpses of a long gone lifestyle. I picked up a couple of them in audiobook form and decided to listen to one the other day. Over all, the books hold up well in audio format. Some events take on a different color or emphasis when you listen to them, as opposed to reading the words on a page. Almanzo and Cap's journey to find the wheat was especially exciting from that standpoint. These would be wonderful family listening while on a road trip or at bedtime. My only objection was with the reader. She's okay when she's just reading the book, but when she tries to "sing" (and there is a surprising amount of music in the Little House books), especially when she's singing as "Pa", it's almost unbearable. She has perhaps the most unmelodic voice I've ever heard. I found myself turning down the volume until the song was over. Otherwise, I highly recommend the audio version of these books.

I am delighted that the Little House series is finally on Kindle. I received my first set of these books as a Christmas gift when I was 9. I have read through them so many times that they're honestly in tatters. It's great that Garth Williams' amazing illustrations are included as well. It's wonderful to have them in a digital format so they can go everywhere with me.

Love the Little House series. This one made me feel the cold of the long winter! I love Laura Ingalls Wilder's series--my favorite childhood reads.

Always loved this book! Sure is a good thing that the "Gluten free" diet garbage wasn't the fad yet! Lol!

I loved reading this book when I was a child. Learning about the hardships the pioneers faced made a deep impression on me. Recently, I purchased the audio CD narrated by Cherry Jones. I thought the audio rendition was excellent. It really brought the story to life.

My No1 book series. Allot of teaching for kids how people lived, made their own stuff.

Great story. Unfortunately, some pages were out of order. We just skipped around and read them in the correct order though.

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