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The Little House 70th Anniversary Edition With CD



Synopsis

The little house first stood in the country, but gradually the city moved closer and closer.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

"This engaging picture book clearly presents a wealth of information." Booklist, ALA

Virginia Lee Burton (1909-1968) was the talented author and illustrator of some of the most enduring books ever written for children. The winner of the 1942 Caldecott Medal for *THE LITTLE HOUSE*, Burton's books include heroes and happy endings, lively illustrations, and a dash of nostalgia. She lived with her two sons, Aristides and Michael, and her husband George Demetrios, the sculptor, in a section of Gloucester, Massachusetts, called Folly Cove. Here she taught a class in design and from it emerged the Folly Cove designers, a group of internationally known professional artisans. She is the author of many classic children's picture books, including *MIKE MULLIGAN AND HIS STEAM SHOVEL* and *KATY AND THE BIG SNOW*.

When I was a little girl, my mother often took us to the public library to let us check out our own books. One of my absolute favorites was "The Little House" by Virginia Lee Burton. What a thrill it was to find it again nearly 50 years later -- and to discover the magic was still there!As its title

implies, "The Little House" is the story of a house in the middle of the countryside. For many years, the house stayed content in the same spot, watching the seasons go by -- until development comes along, turning the country roads into streets, the farmhouses into tract housing, tract housing into apartments and apartments into high rises -- leaving the little house dwarfed and neglected amidst the tall buildings, traffic and hustle-bustle of the city. Without giving away the rest of the story, there is a happy ending for the little house! Equally charming as the story are the illustrations, also done by Virginia Lee Burton. It shows the house in basically the same spot throughout most of the book as the world changes around her. She even gives the house some character using the windows as her "eyes" and the two front steps as her "mouth" -- and you feel sorry for her as she becomes more and more forgotten. Even though the story was written 70 years ago, it is still just as relevant today as it was then -- especially as more and more of our open spaces are being taken over by development. (Maybe that's why I still feel a little sad whenever I see new housing in previously unspoiled land.) And "The Little House" was also where I first learned about the changing of the seasons! Along with this edition of the book is an audio CD of the story, both with and without page-turn signals, as well as a forward by Burton's son! I highly recommend this timeless tale!

This book is a must have for all parents who love & understand the special quiet times with their baby. This book is also a love story told in the most basic way. I was gifted with this book when our Daughter was a baby & we just gave her this new edition to read to her own first sweet little boy.

When I was a child in the early 90's, I found this book for the first time at my grandma's house. I loved it then, and it left an impression with me. Now that I have 5 small children of my own, I felt that we should have this in their book collection. It's a sweet little story about how things change, and this little house stays put as the big city takes over the landscape in the background, then over the decades you get to see the city envelope the little house. Pretty soon the little house is surrounded by sky scrapers and elevated trains. Then, at the end, someone buys the house and moves it back out into the country. It's a sweet little book.

One of my childhood and adulthood favorites. The illustrations perfectly frame the story of THE LITTLE HOUSE who never gave up hope and faith in the future - a lesson for young and old to embrace. The story is relevant regardless of the reader's age and lends encouragement and something positive to stressful periods of life.

I remembered a book that I loved as a child 60+ years ago - I could not remember the exact name but I searched online and eventually was able to find the exact book on - A sweet little story that I never forgot! Kaye Cloniger

We love this book!!

This was my favorite book as a child. My second favorite was Michael Mulligan. I didn't realize until recently that they were by the same author. I'm looking forward to passing this book on to future generations of my family.

This was one of my wife's favorite books when she was a child, many years ago. She wanted me to try to find it on the Internet for our first grandchild. I looked first on Amazon, of course, and found it. It brought tears to my wife's eyes when she re-read it. I'd never seen or heard of it before. Well, it brought tears to my eyes, too. It's a wonderful book, both the drawings and the text. It won all kinds of awards when it first came out, and you can see why when you read it. I'm going to buy a couple more copies because maybe we will have a couple more grandchildren. And I'd like to keep a copy here in my Little House.

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