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# The First Four Years (Little House Book 9)



## Synopsis

The ninth and final book in Laura Ingalls Wilder's™ treasured Little House series is now available as an ebook! This digital version features Garth Williams's™ classic illustrations, which appear in vibrant full color on a full-color device and in rich black-and-white on all other devices. Laura Ingalls Wilder is beginning life with her new husband, Almanzo, and their baby daughter Rose. They face storms, sickness, and other hardships. Their pioneer lives have prepared them well, however, and they are determined to succeed. The nine Little House books are inspired by Laura's™ own childhood and have been cherished by generations of readers as both a unique glimpse into America's™ frontier history and as heartwarming, unforgettable stories. Correlates to the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts

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## Customer Reviews

This is a must for Laura diehards only. At any rate, perhaps those reading the stories to children younger than 8 or so should have second thoughts. The book picks up just before the ending of

"These Happy Golden Years," and describes Laura Ingalls' first four years married to her husband of over 60 years, Almanzo Wilder, who she here calls "Manly." This is the only one of the original series which was not published during her lifetime, and not edited (some say co-written or ghost written) by her daughter Rose Wilder Lane, herself a best-selling author, and it shows. The writing was not as bad as I was led to believe without Rose's hand, as the book was based on a diary Laura kept during her first married years. A close friend of Rose's, Roger Lea McBride, received this diary and saw to its publication after Rose's death. The book seems more like a story outline than a diary as such, and perhaps Laura intended it as a base for Rose to embellish, but this never happened. I read this book in order with the others in the series with my 8-year-old daughter (we took an entire school year of evenings to finish). My daughter was annoyed by the fact that the descriptions of the events before Laura and Almanzo's wedding are not exactly like those in the earlier book, and she quickly picked up on the fact the book doesn't have the richness of description so important to enjoyment of the earlier works, especially for young girls.

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