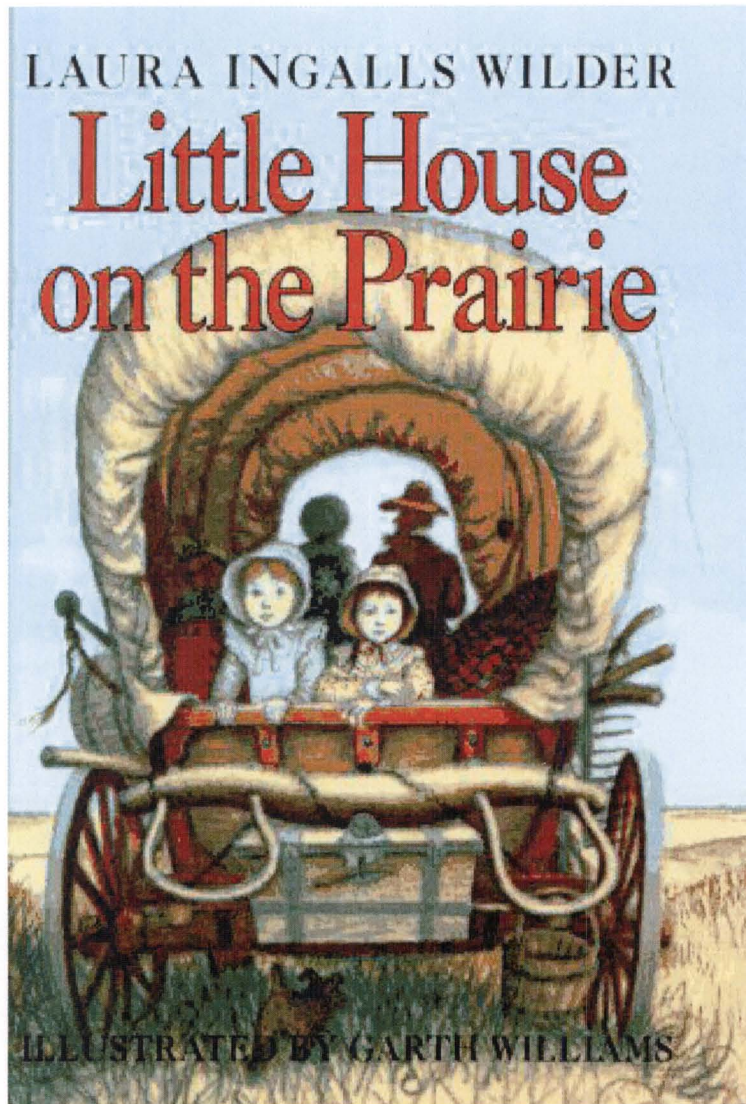


The Impact of Laura Ingalls Wilder's *Little House* Books, or How a Series of Children's Books Helps Explain Anti-Government Sentiment in the U.S.

A talk with Dr. Anita Clair Fellman



Wilder's books, bestselling favourites for seventy-five years, offer an engaging picture of one family's late 19th-century pioneering experience on the Great Plains of the U.S. These beloved books are the source of many people's understanding of the influence of the frontier on U.S. history. However, the books were shaped as much by Wilder's anti-New Deal, anti-government politics as by her family's actual experiences. What are people absorbing as they read the *Little House* books and identify so fervently with the character Laura?



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