



# Rose Wilder Lane

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This pathfinder will be useful in finding information about Rose Wilder Lane. Today Lane is most famous as the daughter of Laura Ingalls Wilder, but she was a famous writer long before her mother. She worked her way up from advertising to winning an O. Henry Award and covered both the aftermath of World War I in Europe and the Vietnam War. In her final years, she is best known for her work with helping to create the Libertarian Party.

For an introduction to the topic, see:

- *Laura's Rose* by William T. Anderson (1976) – This slim volume is the best introduction available. This series is heavily revised and updated with every edition, so try to find the newest one you can – 1976 is the original edition. ISBN 0961008830

## Key Resources at a Glance:

- *Rose Wilder Lane: Her Story* by Rose Wilder Lane and Roger Lea MacBride (1977) – This widely owned biography is actually a novel Lane wrote loosely based on her life that MacBride changed a few details in to bring it a little closer to Rose's actual life up to approximately 1920. ISBN 0812860772
- *Ghost in the Little House* by William Holtz (1993) – Up to this point the only true scholarly biography of Lane, it reintroduced her to the scholarly world. ISBN 0826208878
- *Becoming Laura Ingalls Wilder* by John E. Miller (1998) – This Wilder biography also serves to balance some of the claims made in Holtz's work. If you read one, read both. ISBN 082621648X

## Resources

### Books

- *Black Lambs and Grey Falcons: Women Travelling in the Balkans* by John B. Allcock & Antonia Young [ed.] (1991) – Features a chapter on Rose and Albania. ISBN 1571817441
- *Dorothy Thompson and Rose Wilder Lane: Forty Years of Friendship: Letters, 1921-1960* (1991) – A collection of letters between two famous authors and friends. ISBN 0826206468
- *The Lady and the Tycoon; Letters of Rose Wilder Lane and Jasper Crane* (1983) – Letters between Rose and newspaper giant and political activist Jasper Crane. ISBN 0870042343

## Search Aids

### Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- "Rose Wilder Lane"
- "Little House" books
- "Libertarian Party"
- "Roger Lea MacBride"

### Subject Headings

(Use in catalogs and print indexes)

- Lane, Rose Wilder 1886-1968
- Libertarian Party

### Call Number

- 813.52 (Dewey Decimal)
- PS3545.I342 (Library of Congress)
- PZ7.W6461 (Library of Congress)

### Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCOhost
- First Search
- Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature

### Library catalogs

- Your local library catalog
- SILO - State-wide catalog
- World Cat - World-wide Catalog

- *Little House Sampler* by William T. Anderson (1988) – Writings by various Ingalls/Wilder family members, including Rose. ISBN 0060972408 Also, see its sequel *Little House Reader* (1998). ISBN 006026358X
- *The Rediscovered Writings of Rose Wilder Lane, Literary Journalist* by Amy Mattson Lauters (2007) – A collection of some of Rose’s magazine writing in chronological order. ISBN 0826217214
- *Rose Wilder Lane’s San Francisco* by Trini Wenninger (2005) – Locations and descriptions of the places Rose lived, knew, and visited in and around San Francisco. ISBN 1105082245
- *Travels with Zenobia: Paris to Albania by Model T Ford* by Rose Wilder Lane and Helen Dore Boylston (1983) – Rose’s diary as she and a friend explored a Europe that would soon disappear forever. ISBN 0826203906
- *Writers of Conviction: the Personal Politics of Zona Gale, Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Rose Wilder Lane, and Josephine Herbst* by Julia C. Ehrhardt (2004) – Features a section on Rose and her political writings. ISBN 0826215068

### Books by Rose Wilder Lane

This is not a complete list of books by Lane, but it does list the titles that should be readily available through libraries: *Discovery of Freedom* (Reprint 1993 - Also available on CD) ISBN 0930073002, *Islam and the Discovery of Freedom* (1997 - Edited and updated from Lane’s book by Imad-ad-Dean Ahmad) ISBN 0915957736, *Faces at the Window* (1972), *Free Land* (Reprint 1984) ISBN 0803279140, *Home Over Saturday* (1974), *Old Home Town* (Reprint 1985) ISBN 0803279175 and *Young Pioneers* (Reprint 1998 – originally titled *Let the Hurricane Roar*) ISBN 0064406989.

### Web Pages and Web Portals

- *Three Women Who Launched a Movement: Rose Wilder Lane (The Cato Institute)* – Written with a focus on her political work, this essay offers a non-“Little House” view on her life. <http://www.cato.org/three-women-who-launched-movement/rose-wilder-lane>
- *Rose Wilder Lane* – The Library of Congress offers this transcript of a short handwritten autobiography of Rose. Note the Iowa City/Cedar Rapids reference near the end. <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/wpa/15100107.html>
- *Rose Wilder Lane* – This website contains information about Rose Wilder Lane. <http://www.libertarianism.org/people/rose-wilder-lane>
- *Rose Wilder Lane Articles* – Most libraries provide a password to EBSCOhost as one of their many services. This page gives you direct links to some of Rose’s articles in full text, if you have access to EBSCO. <http://www.trundlebedtales.com/rose-articles.html>

### Organizations and Special Collections

- Rose Wilder Lane/ Laura Ingalls Wilder Papers: Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum, P.O. Box 488, 210 Parkside Dr., West Branch IA 52358, [hoover.library@nara.gov](mailto:hoover.library@nara.gov), <http://www.hoover.archives.gov/>, (319) 643-5301  
**NOTE:** Be sure to check both the Laura Ingalls Wilder/Rose Wilder Lane collection and the William Holtz collections.
- Laura Ingalls Wilder/ Rose Wilder Lane Home and Museum, 3068 Highway A, Mansfield, MO 65704 [liwhome@getgoiin.net](mailto:liwhome@getgoiin.net), <http://www.lauraingallswilderhome.com>, (417) 924-3626 or 1-877-924-7126

See the two Laura Ingalls Wilder pathfinders for more resources, most resources were not duplicated.