

Little Town at the Crossroads (Little House Prequel)

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Caroline watches eagerly as buildings spring up overnight and more and more families move into the growing town of Brookfield, Wisconsin. There are all sorts of exciting, new things for Caroline to do! She gets to march in her first Independence Day parade, a circus comes to town, and there are new faces in school almost every week. But Mother keeps saying that she wants to move to a larger farm. Will Caroline have to say good-bye to the little town of Brookfield? The adventures of the little girl who would grow up to be Ma Ingalls in the Little House books continues.

Brookfield, Wisconsin is bustling and growing, and so is Caroline. With her family and friends always around, she can't imagine calling any other place home. But when a letter arrives with troubling news, Caroline fears she and her family might have to leave the little town they love.

Maria D. Wilkes first read the Little House books as a young girl and has been fascinated by pioneer history ever since. She did extensive research on the Quiner, Ingalls, and Wilder families, studied original sources and family letters and diaries, and worked in close consultation with several historians and the Laura Ingalls Wilder estate as she wrote the Caroline Years books. She lives in New Jersey with her husband, Peter, and her daughters, Grace and Natalie.

Dan Andreasen has illustrated many well-loved books for children, including *River Boy: The Story of Mark Twain* and *Pioneer Girl: The Story of Laura Ingalls Wilder*, both by William Anderson, as well as many titles in the Little House series. He lives with his family in Medina, Ohio.

Other Books

Rural by Design. For America's rural and suburban areas, new challenges demand new solutions. Author Randall Arendt meets them in an entirely new edition of *Rural by Design*. When this planning classic first appeared 20 years ago, it showed how creative, practical land-use planning can preserve open space and keep community character intact. The second edition shifts the focus toward infilling neighborhoods, strengthening town centers, and moving development closer to schools, shops, and jobs. New chapters cover form-based codes, visioning, sustainability, low-impact development, green infrastructure, and more, while 70 case studies show how these ideas play out in the real world. Readers – rural or not – will find practical advice about planning for the way we live now.

He received his BA from Wesleyan University (magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa) and his MPhil in urban design and ... he produced a 450-page sequel titled *Rural by Design: Maintaining Small Town Character* in 1994, which was listed ..."