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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING Author to Speak at the Hoover Museum

***The Selected Letters of Laura Ingalls Wilder* by William Anderson**

West Branch, Iowa – Monday, September 5, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. author William Anderson will speak at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum about his newest book, *The Selected Letters of Laura Ingalls Wilder*.

Available for the first time and collected in one volume, the letters of one of America's most beloved authors, Laura Ingalls Wilder—a treasure trove that offers new and unexpected understanding of her life and work.

The Selected Letters of Laura Ingalls Wilder is a vibrant, deeply personal portrait of this revered American author, illuminating her thoughts, travels, philosophies, writing career, and dealings with family, friends, and fans as never before.

This is a fresh look at the adult life of the author in her own words. Gathered from museums and archives and personal collections, the letters span over sixty years of Wilder's life, from 1894 to 1956, and shed new light on Wilder's day-to-day life. Here we see her as a businesswoman and author—including her beloved Little House books, her legendary editor, Ursula Nordstrom, and her readers—as a wife, and as a friend. In her letters, Wilder shares her philosophies, political opinions, and reminiscences of life as a frontier child. Also included are letters to her daughter, writer Rose Wilder Lane, who filled a silent role as editor and collaborator while the famous Little House books were being written.

Wilder biographer William Anderson collected and researched references throughout these letters and the result is an invaluable historical collection, tracing Wilder's life through the final days of covered wagon travel, her life as a farm woman, a country journalist, Depression-era author, and years of fame as the writer of the Little House books. This collection is a sequel to her beloved books, and a snapshot into twentieth-century living.

Anderson will speak twice, at 11:00 a.m. and at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase online at the Hoover Gift Shop, <http://estore.archives.gov/Hoover/ProductInfo/H05SE1.aspx> or available at the door on the day of the event. The Hoover Museum is located in West Branch, Iowa, ¼ mile off Interstate 80 at Exit 254. For more information visit the website at, <http://www.hoover.archives.gov> or call 319-643-5301.