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LAURA'S LIST

The First Lady's List of 57 Great Books
for Families and Children
by Beverly Darnall



*In honor of First Lady Laura Bush, a guide to
her 57 must-read books for
families and children.*

Parents know that reading with their children is important, but making it a priority can be a challenge. Even if they do find time in their busy schedules, how do they know which books will be the most rewarding? Now, a thoughtful new book offers guidance for choosing wonderful books for children. **LAURA'S LIST: The First Lady's List of 57 Great Books for Families and Children** (A Tarcher/Penguin Paperback, On-sale May 18, 2006; \$14.95) explores the First Lady's published list of recommended books and provides insight into the values and life lessons in each book.

A powerful tool for parents, **LAURA'S LIST** encourages adults to look at classics like *Charlotte's Web* and *Curious George* with fresh eyes. "Reading has the power to transform a home," author Darnall writes. "It not only creates a lasting bond between child and parent, it can make a home a haven from the commotion of frantic schedules and noise that is modern life. These experiences have a lasting mark on the heart of a child and are cherished even more in adulthood."

Simple and powerful in conception, **LAURA'S LIST** discusses each book that our First Lady has publicly recommended, providing summaries and excerpts. It examines the values taught by each selection, and offers a reader's guide, listing prominent themes to watch for and questions to ask after reading.

Also included are:

- An index of themes and lessons taught in each book;
- Images of each cover;
- A short biography of the First Lady;
- And Laura Bush's book recommendations for adults



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