



Laura Bush

Laura Welch Bush

First Lady of the United States and wife of President George W. Bush, the 43rd President of the United States

Birthday

November 4, 1946

Family

Married to George W. Bush since 1977

Twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara

Parents

Harold Welch, homebuilder

Jenna Welch, homemaker

Pets

Barney and Miss Beazley, Scottish terriers

India, nicknamed "Willie," domestic shorthair cat

Hometown

Midland, Texas

Elementary School

James Bowie Elementary School in Midland, Texas

Favorites

Teacher: Mrs. Gnagy, second grade

School Subject: Literature

Children's Book: *Little House on the Prairie*

Pastime: Reading, Hiking, Time with Family

College and Graduate School

Southern Methodist University, Bachelor of Science in Education

University of Texas, Master of Library Science

Career and Public Service

Public school teacher and children's librarian for school districts in Dallas, Houston, and Austin, Texas; Children's librarian, Houston Public Library; First Lady of Texas; First Lady of the United States

Goals as First Lady

As leader of the President's *Helping America's Youth* initiative, Mrs. Bush highlights the importance of caring adult role models and mentors in the lives of all our youth to help them become healthy and successful adults. She also works on national and international projects to promote education, literacy and health care, especially for women and children. In addition, Mrs. Bush is committed to the hurricane recovery efforts in the Gulf Coast region, especially those involving school libraries.

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