

# BOOKS WORTH READING



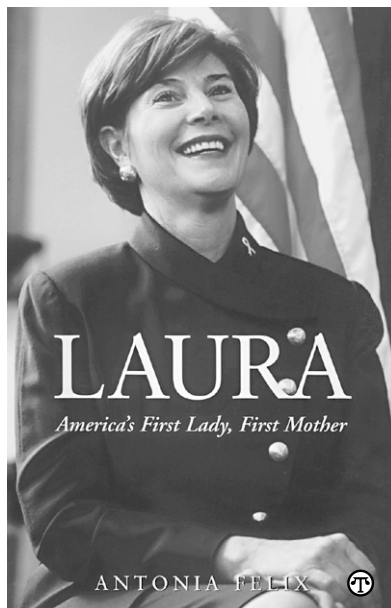
## A Beacon Of Hope And Strength To The Nation

(NAPSA)—At a time when our country needed the calming warmth of a mother's touch, Laura Bush stepped forward to offer just that. America's First Lady transcended party politics and national tragedy to become America's First Mother.

With *Laura: America's First Lady, First Mother* (Adams Media, \$19.95), biographer Antonia Felix has created a revealing, intimate portrait of the soft-spoken, down-to-earth women who made *People* magazine's list of "The 50 Most Beautiful People in the World." In the book, readers will discover:

- How Laura Welch survived a youthful tragedy that marred her childhood;
- The delights and difficulties of being First Lady;
- The joys and challenges of raising high-spirited twins, Jenna and Barbara;
- Her passion for literacy—and how Americans can benefit from her programs; and
- Her personal mission as America's First Mother.

The book opens in Washington on the morning of September 11, with the First Lady getting ready to address a Senate committee about the need to improve early childhood education, then jumps back to Texas to present glimpses into her life, which were gleaned from exclusive interviews with her mother, Jenna Welch.



Though Laura Bush was shy and reserved at first, everything changed on September 11. In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks, Laura rose to the occasion, providing comfort and reassurance amidst what was perhaps the worst crisis we've ever faced—and she has since become a beacon of hope and strength to the nation.

In a clear, crisp prose, Felix has constructed an important biography that many believe will serve as a lasting tribute for a special woman for years to come.

*Laura* is available at bookstores, online, or direct from the publisher at [www.adamsmedia.com](http://www.adamsmedia.com).