

A very private passion – L.M. Alcott

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Louisa May Alcott: Biographies

Eden's Outcasts: The Story of Louisa May Alcott and Her Father, John Matteson (2008) winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Biography.

Louisa May Alcott: The Woman Behind "Little Women," Harriet Reisen, which later became a PBS documentary directed by Nancy Porter.

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1130850/>

Louisa May Alcott Orchard House Museum <https://louisamayalcott.org/>

Photo gallery of the interior of the house <https://louisamayalcott.org/photo-gallery>

Published Work by Louisa Alcott

The Little Women series:

Little Women, or Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy (1868)

Part Second of Little Women, or "Good Wives", published in 1869; and afterward published together with Little Women.

Little Men: Life at Plumfield with Jo's Boys (1871)

Jo's Boys and How They Turned Out: A Sequel to "Little Men" (1886)

Novels:

The Inheritance (1849, unpublished until 1997)

Moods (1865, revised 1882)

The Mysterious Key and What It Opened (1867)

An Old Fashioned Girl (1870)

Will's Wonder Book (1870)

Work: A Story of Experience (1873)

Beginning Again, Being a Continuation of Work (1875)

Eight Cousins or The Aunt-Hill (1875)

Rose in Bloom: A Sequel to Eight Cousins (1876)

Under the Lilacs (1878)

Jack and Jill: A Village Story (1880)

Proverb Stories (1882)

As A. M. Barnard:

Behind a Mask, or a Woman's Power (1866)

The Abbot's Ghost, or Maurice Treherne's Temptation (1867)

A Long Fatal Love Chase (1866; first published 1995)

Published anonymously

A Modern Mephistopheles (1877)

Short story collections for children

Aunt Jo's Scrap-Bag (1872-1882). (66 short stories in six volumes)

1. Aunt Jo's Scrap-Bag

2. Shawl-Straps

3. Cupid and Chow-Chow

4. My Girls, Etc.

5. Jimmy's Cruise in the Pinafore, Etc.

6. An Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving, Etc.

Lulu's Library (1886-1889) A collection of 32 short stories in three volumes.

Flower Fables (1849)

On Picket Duty, and other tales (1864)

Morning-Glories and Other Stories (1867) Eight fantasy stories and four poems for children, including: *A Strange Island, (1868); * The Rose Family: A Fairy Tale (1864), A Christmas Song, Morning Glories, Shadow-Children, Poppy's Pranks, What the Swallows did, Little Gulliver, The Whale's story, Goldfin and Silvertail.

Kitty's Class Day and Other Stories (Three Proverb Stories), 1868, (includes "Kitty's Class Day", "Aunt Kipp" and "Psyche's Art")

Spinning-Wheel Stories* (1884). A collection of 12 short stories.

The Candy Country (1885) (One short story)

May Flowers (1887) (One short story)

Mountain-Laurel and Maidenhair (1887) (One short story)

A Garland for Girls (1888). A collection of eight short stories.

The Brownie and the Princess (2004). A collection of ten short stories.

Other short stories and novelettes:

Hospital Sketches (1863)

Pauline's Passion and Punishment (1863)

Thoreau's Flute (1863)

Doctor Dorn's Revenge (1868)

La Jeune; or, Actress and Woman (1868)

Countess Varazoff (1868)

The Romance of a Bouquet (1868)

A Laugh and A Look (1868)

Perilous Play, (1869) A short story.

Lost in a Pyramid, or the Mummy's Curse

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Transcendental Wild Oats (1873) A short piece about Alcott's family and the Transcendental Movement.

Silver Pitchers, and Independence: A Centennial Love Story (1876)

A Whisper in the Dark (1877)

Comic Tragedies (1893, posthumous)

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