



# Louisa May Alcott

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Alcott, Louisa May. *The Journals of Louisa May Alcott*. University of Georgia Press: 1997. Unabridged version of her journals.

Brooks, Geraldine. *March*. Penguin: 2006. A historical novel about the fictional Mrs. March, the absent father in *Little Women*. Won the 2006 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

Cheever, Susan. *Louisa May Alcott*. Simon & Schuster: 2010. A solid biography. Focuses not just on Alcott but on the lives of other greats in Concord.

Stern, Madeleine B. *Louisa May Alcott*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1950. Stern is the preeminent Alcott scholar. Remains essential to Alcott biographers, although the prose feels dated.

Reisen, Harriet. *Louisa May Alcott: The Woman Behind Little Women*. Henry Holt & Co.: 2009. Lively, engaging biography written to accompany the American Masters film of the same name.

Matteson, John. *Eden's Outcasts: The Story of Louisa May Alcott and Her Father*. W. W. Norton & Co.: 2010. Insightful, academic-oriented dual biography. Won the 2008 Pulitzer Prize for Biography

LaPlante, Eve. *Marmee and Louisa: The Untold Story of Louisa May Alcott and Her Mother*. Free Press: 2012. A dual biography of Louisa May Alcott and her mother Abigail "Marmee" Alcott. Uses surviving journals (many were destroyed).

## FILMS:

### *Little Women*

- 1994. With Winona Ryder, Susan Sarandon
- 1949. With June Allyson, Peter Lawford, Margaret O'Brien
- 1933. With Katharine Hepburn, Joan Bennett, Paul Lukas.

*American Masters: Louisa May Alcott: The Woman Behind Little Women*. A 2009 documentary with Elizabeth Marvel as Louisa May Alcott