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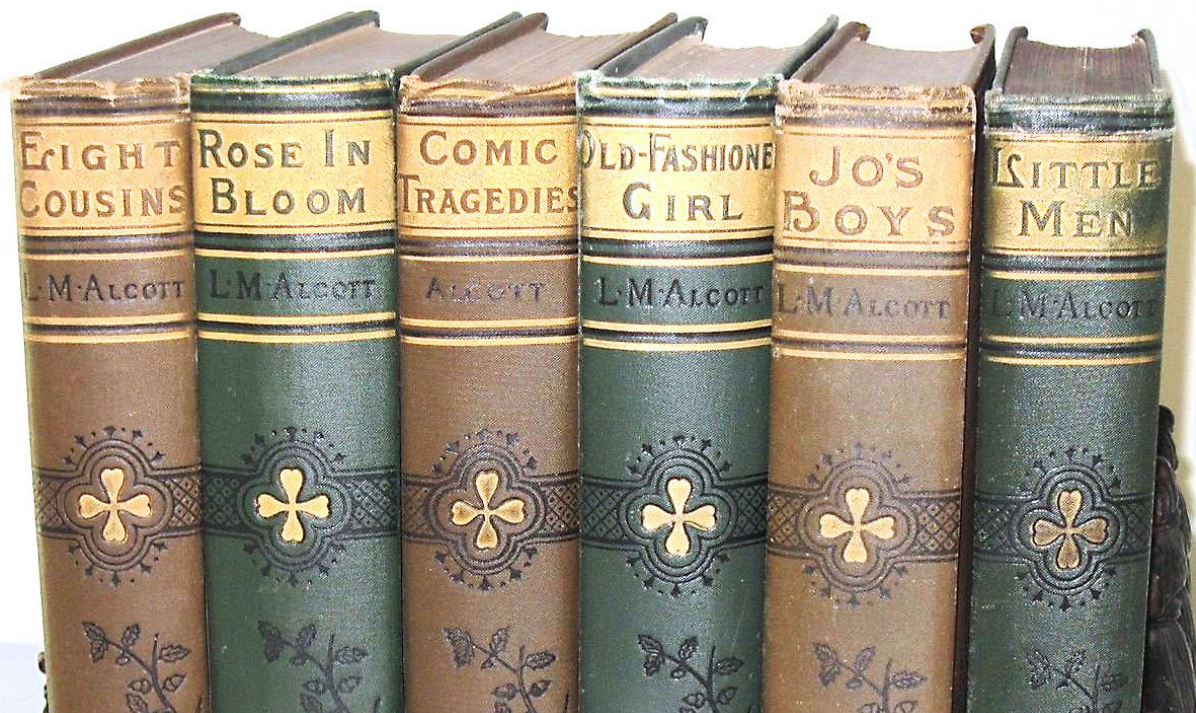


Louisa May Alcott was born on November 29, 1832. She was one of five children. Louisa spent most of her childhood in Concord, Massachusetts. She and her sisters spent lots of their free time acting out plays that Louisa had written. Many remarkable people lived in Concord during this time. Henry David Thoreau taught Louisa to love the natural world around her, and Ralph Waldo Emerson introduced Louisa to books.

Louisa's first stories were published when she was just 16 years old. She published her first book at the age of 22. Louisa spent some time working as a nurse in a soldiers' hospital during the

Civil War. She wrote and published a book about this experience titled, *Hospital Sketches*. This book became her first well known work. However, her most well known work was written in 1868 and 1869. *Little Women* was based on Louisa's childhood in Concord with her sisters. Louisa was Jo, the heroine of the story. *Little Women* became so popular that it became part of a series. Louisa went on to write *Little Men*, *Jo's Boys* and many other works.

Louisa May Alcott died on March 6, 1888. Over 100 years later, her books remain a childhood favorite.



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