



Little Women

by Louisa May Alcott

Louisa May Alcott's beloved coming-of-age story follows four sisters through the challenges of growing up in Civil War-era New England, rich in warm domestic detail and moral depth.

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Power Words

#	WORD	DEFINITION
1	dutifully	adv. in a way that shows obedience and responsibility. <i>"Jo dutifully read aloud to Beth each evening, setting aside her own writing without a word of complaint."</i>
1	affectionate	adj. showing feelings of love or fondness. <i>"Laurie's manner was so affectionate and unguarded that even stern Aunt March softened in his company."</i>
1	charitable	adj. showing kindness and giving help to others. <i>"The girls rose early on Christmas morning, charitable enough to carry their breakfast to the hungry Hummels."</i>
1	conscientiously	adv. in a way that is careful and thorough. <i>"Meg conscientiously recorded every household expense, determined to prove she could manage on a modest income."</i>
1	domesticated	adj. trained to live with people as pets. <i>"Meg grew more domesticated with each passing season, finding quiet joy in her small, warm household."</i>
1	fortify	v. to make stronger or more secure. <i>"The sisters would gather around the piano to fortify their spirits on evenings when Father's absence felt heavy."</i>
1	impulsive	adj. acting or done without forethought or consideration; characterized by sudden urges or desires. <i>"Jo was impulsive by nature, rushing into decisions that her more cautious sisters would have pondered for weeks."</i>
1	industrious	adj. hardworking and diligent in tasks. <i>"Marmee praised her industrious daughters, who stitched and swept without complaint through the cold winter mornings."</i>
1	patiently	adv. in a way that shows calmness and tolerance. <i>"Beth patiently taught the poor children their scales, never once raising her voice in the cold parlour."</i>
1	persevere	v. to keep trying despite difficulties or failure. <i>"Marmee urged Jo to persevere with her writing, reminding her that worthy things are never easily won."</i>
1	reconcile	v. to make two things compatible or consistent. <i>"It took Jo many quiet evenings to reconcile herself to Meg's marriage and the changing of their circle."</i>
1	repentant	v. to feel sorry or dissatisfied about <i>"Amy returned from Aunt March's feeling thoroughly repentant, resolved never again to burn her sister's manuscript."</i>
1	submissively	adv. in a manner that shows willingness to obey. <i>"Amy smiled submissively at Aunt March's corrections, knowing the old lady's favour was worth a measure of pride."</i>
1	tenderly	adv. in a gentle and caring way. <i>"Jo tenderly tucked the quilt around Beth, whispering that all would be well before dawn came."</i>
1	vainglorious	adj. 1 excessively proud or vain; filled with vainglory; 2. showing or caused by excessive pride or vanity. <i>"Amy's vainglorious dreams of Parisian society slowly gave way to a truer understanding of what mattered most."</i>