



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