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Louisa May Alcott (November 29, 1832 – March 6, 1888) was an American novelist, best known for the novel *Little Women*, which she wrote in 1868.

Life is my college. May I graduate well, and earn some honors.

- Alcott, Louisa May

Stay is a charming word in a friend's vocabulary.

- Alcott, Louisa May

It takes people a long time to learn the difference between talent and genius, especially ambitious young men and women.

- Alcott, Louisa May

Girls are so queer you never know what they mean. They say No when they mean Yes, and drive a man out of his wits for the fun of it.

- Alcott, Louisa May

Happy is the son whose faith in his mother remains unchallenged.

- Alcott, Louisa May

Housekeeping ain't no joke.

- Alcott, Louisa May

People don't have fortunes left them in that style nowadays; men have to work and women to marry for money. It's a dreadfully unjust world.

- Alcott, Louisa May

It takes two flints to make a fire.

- Alcott, Louisa May

Love is a great beautifier.

- Alcott, Louisa May

Conceit spoils the finest genius. There is not much danger that real talent or goodness will be overlooked long; even if it is, the consciousness of possessing and using it well should satisfy one, and the great charm of all power is modesty.

- Alcott, Louisa May

What do girls do who haven't any mothers to help them through their troubles?

- Alcott, Louisa May

Let my name stand among those who are willing to bear ridicule and reproach for the truth's sake, and so earn some right to rejoice when the victory is won.

- Alcott, Louisa May

A little kingdom I possess, where thoughts and feelings dwell; And very hard the task I find of governing it well.

- Alcott, Louisa May

Talent isn't genius, and no amount of energy can make it so. I want to be great, or nothing. I won't be a commonplace dauber, so I don't intend to try any more.

- Alcott, Louisa May

Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead.

- Alcott, Louisa May

I'm not afraid of storms, for I'm learning to sail my ship.

- Alcott, Louisa May



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