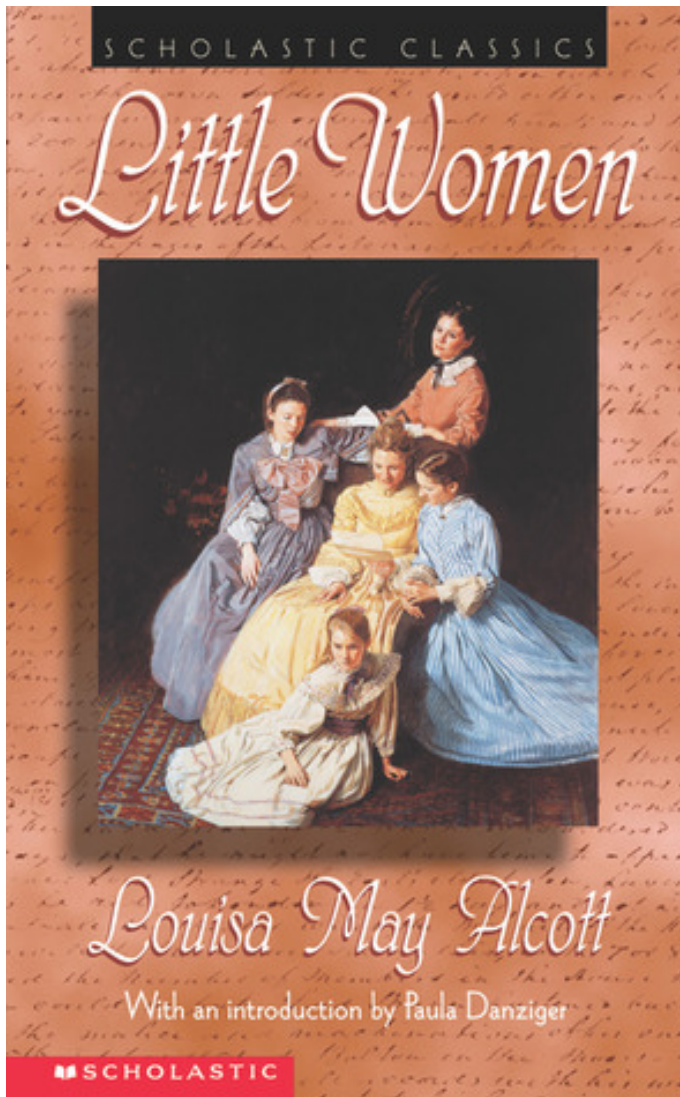

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Description

Here is the classic tale of a girl's transformation from riches to rags and back to riches again, repackaged with an introduction by the Newbery Medal-winning author of *The View from Saturday*.

Insightful reviews

Christy: This is considered a classic for a reason. Aside from the occasional moralizing (or more than occasional), and from the "little women" domestic speak, this book is a gem of characters in miniature: vain Meg, slangy Jo, angelic (boring) Beth, temperamental Amy, not forgetting the rich and handsome "Laurence" boy. I still have not reconciled myself to the fact that Jo turns Laurie down, and although Jo's eventual mate, Prof Bhaer is dear and says "Prut!", I find refuge in the fact that he is old and will collapse soon of an intellectual German disease, and Amy will die in childbirth, and then Laurie and Jo will realize that their love could indeed stand the test of time and that their souls are truly connected.

Annalisa: I'm definitely a victim of modern society when I find this book slow. Had I read it in its day (or even as a youth) it would probably be fantastic, but as it is I'm finding the life lessons saturated in every chapter a little much, not sweet. Which brings me to Beth. Back in the day sweet, mild, submissive were prime female qualities. Now I look at the picture of her on the front cover with her empty eyes and blank stares and she looks sweet in a mentally challenged way. And Jo who is endearing because she is quirky, clumsy, and bold while meaning well and therefore not prime marriage material show prime female qualities for today of intelligence, wit, and assertiveness. So you see, the characteristics that are supposed to endear me annoy me and the ones I'm supposed to find sympathy for, I relate to.

I couldn't finish the book. I tried, but it was too much like homework. Plus it bothers me that [\(view spoiler\)](#). So I didn't even have motivation to wade through boredom to read a conclusion that upset me. ["br"]>["br"]>

Sarah Null: I first read this book nearly twenty years ago, and at that age I think I was far too young to really appreciate it.

Alcott wrote this as a response to a request for a "book for girls" which I think can explain much of the preachiness about morals and virtues. That Marmee is just so darned *virtuous*! I think it was also an outlet for Alcott's frustration with being constricted to the expectations and limitations of her gender in 19th century New England. At first I thought Jo's tomboyishness was gender identity confusion but as someone pointed out, it was really more about wishing she could have the same opportunities and liberties as a man.

Also, one of the things I really liked about the book was the way you saw Amy and Laurie falling for each other. All the movie versions make it seem so rushed, like he really did only marry her to be a part of her family and not because they were really right for each other. I know many people are disappointed that Laurie and Jo don't end up together, but I think it's right the way it

is. Laurie's feelings for Jo were a boyish infatuation with someone who could keep up to him, and who was kind to him, but his feelings for Amy were more mature. After reading the book again, I actually think Amy is my favorite character. She makes the biggest transformation in my opinion, growing the most as a person.

The book is 4 stars instead of 5 because I think part 2 was too long, and wasn't really interested in Meg or her children or her housekeeping.

Stacey (prettybooks): This mini assessment is a part of a blogpost conversing approximately 3 kid's classics. Little ladies used to be one of many classics that were on my wishlist the longest. I feel I first stumbled on it whereas gazing that episode of Friends. I did not recognize a lot approximately Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy March, however it gave the look of the precise kid's vintage for me. Yet Little girls wasn't as attractive as I had hoped. I wasn't emotionally drawn into the sisters' lives, that is vital for a character-driven novel. It is a nice disgrace as I had excessive hopes. yet i'm suffering to decipher what precisely my factor was. I believe I simply sought after extra to occur and extra of an emotional punch – no matter if as a result of a tragic tale or a cheerful one. It felt to me just like the chapters might have been brief tales instead of a linear storyline with a beginning, center and end, although it follows the lives of the sisters from childhood. I loved a few chapters fairly a bit, while others now not so much. and that I was once additionally shocked to find that what I anticipated to occur in Little girls truly occurs within the subsequent book, reliable Wives . I have no longer given up on Little Women, however. it truly is one I will be coming again to, now that I do know what to expect!

Kim: examining this e-book back after an period of a few 40 years was once very like returning to a spot identified good in childhood, yet no longer noticeable since. reminiscence distorts the panorama and the dimensions and the form of items contained inside it. where is either completely everyday and entirely unknown on the related time. Little ladies is likely one of the first novels that I have in mind reading. I will nonetheless see the booklet – a crimson hardback with small print, the airborne dirt and dust jacket lengthy gone. It took me to a time and a spot that was once thoroughly overseas to me. I knew not anything approximately 1860s Concord, Massachusetts, concerning the American Civil War, approximately what it'd be wish to have an absent clergyman father, approximately having to earn money at a tender age. Indeed, whilst I first learn this book, the entire March sisters appeared very grown as much as me. What I concerning used to be now not the categorical conditions in their lives, yet being a girl, starting to be up, in need of anything greater than I had and never understanding what the longer term could bring. I learn Little ladies and its sequels a number of instances among the a long time of nine and 14 and the reviews of Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy turned a part of my life. Re-reading the radical 40 years on, the very first thing I realized used to be how very younger the March ladies are. the following factor I spotted was once the pervasiveness of the moralising. Marmee is, of course, the manager proponent of correct and correct behaviour, with each unfavourable event changed into a instructing moment. This used to be now not anything I realized in any respect while I used to be a child, so the ethical classes labored both subliminally or no longer at all. one other factor I spotted used to be how time flew by, fairly within the moment a part of the ebook (that part which I knew formerly nearly as good Wives). I additionally spotted the emphasis on gender roles. although Jo desires to be a author and Amy an artist and either ladies have interaction in these activities, the right kind function for ladies of being a great spouse and an

excellent mom is emphasized back and again. Given the interval within which the radical used to be written this isn't surprising, however it isn't what I take into account of the e-book from my childhood. Coming again to Little girls in the end of this time has jogged my memory what I enjoyed in regards to the publication while as a child. It has additionally given me a unique viewpoint at the novel. For example, I've spent 40 years now not liking Amy March ((view spoiler)[and pondering that Laurie made a mistake in marrying her (hide spoiler)]). I don't consider that manner anymore. I used to imagine that Marmee was once the precise mother. Now I believe that I'd be pushed loopy if my mom had had an ethical lesson for each occasion. I'm very completely satisfied to have re-read this novel. I'm additionally pleased to have performed in order a blood brother learn with my pal Lynn. I don't comprehend that I might supply the publication 4 stars if it was once no longer a youth favourite, as there isn't any doubt that it's very dated. However, the truth that it's been a valuable literary adventure for greater than 40 years retains it firmly in 4 big name territory.

Tea Jovanovi?: Knjiga moje mladosti :) Ah, kako smo je svi gutali :)

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