

# March is

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Spotlight on: **LOUISA MAY ALCOTT**



### Why we're proud of this individual:

- ♦ **Louisa May Alcott** was born on November, 29, 1832, in Germantown , Pennsylvania. She was an American author who wrote the classic novel *Little Women*, as well as various works under pseudonyms. Alcott was a best-selling novelist of the late 1800s. Unknown to most people, Louisa May Alcott had been publishing poems, short stories, thrillers, and juvenile tales since 1851, under the pen name Flora Fairfield. In 1862, she also adopted the pen name A.M. Barnard, and some of her melodramas were produced on Boston stages. But it was her account of her Civil War experiences, *Hospital Sketches* (1863), that confirmed Alcott's desire to be a serious writer. She began to publish stories under her real name in *Atlantic Monthly* and *Lady's Companion*, and took a brief trip to Europe in 1865 before becoming editor of a girl's magazine, *Merry's Museum*.

♦ <https://www.biography.com/people/louisa-may-alcott-9179520>

### Dates of History in March:

**March 14th, 1833**—The first female dentist, Lucy Hobbs was born in New York state.

**March 17th, 1903**- Celebrated as Saint Patrick's Day commemorating the patron saint of Ireland.

**March 24, 1989**— One of the largest oil spills in U.S. history occurred as the oil tanker Exxon Valdez ran around in Prince William Sound off Alaska, resulting in 11 million gallons of oil leaking into the natural habitat over a stretch of 45 miles .

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