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A collection of stories and memories from Louisa May Alcott.

## Aunt Jo's Scrap-Bag Details

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## Cindy says

Really 2.5 stars but I did enjoy the ones that were so obviously autobiographical.

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## Doreen Petersen says

Really nice collection of short stories.

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## Kathy D says

A wonderful bedtime read; short stories told in Alcott's lively voice.

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## Sarah says

I really enjoyed this collection. The last story was my favorite.

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## Caleb says

This is a collection of several short stories; some of them were a bit odd to read. However, I did have a couple favorites: there was "The Children's Joke" was about a brother and sister who switched roles with their parents for a day. This was a hilarious read.

Another of my favorites was "Tessa's Surprises". It was a story about a little girl who wanted to be able to make a few coins and buy her younger siblings Christmas presents. I thought that this was a good holiday story.

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## marcia says

The stories aren't anything of major substance, but this is just the type of book I'll read to my kids someday.

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## Hilary says

A charming mix of LMA's reminiscences over "her boys", some observations and some short stories she

penned. If you loved the "Little Women" series or "Rose in Bloom" you may notice some common themes, and will probably enjoy this little book too.

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### **P.S. Winn says**

A mixed up bag of heart warming stories and just a bit of memento's fro Aunt Jo. The author is known for the little women series and this is similar.

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### **Staci says**

A refreshing classic cleansing mymind and reminding me of the beautifulness in the world

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### **Ana says**

Some of the stories or some moments in the stories are really great, either really quirky or really sweet or really curious. At the same time, I do not feel these moments are enough of a reward in what is mostly an OK book. I had some issues getting through the entire manuscript, although I think I could attribute part of the bore to the audiobook I happened to come across which was not very compelling. In short, if I knew what I know now about this book, I do not think I would waste time reading it.

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### **Tarissa says**

For fans of Little Women and Louisa May Alcott, or if you just love short, sweet stories, this is for you. Here's a few descriptions of some of my favorite stories found in *Aunt Jo's Scrap Bag*.

I enjoyed **“My May-Day Among Curious Birds and Beasts”** in which the narrator sweetly tells of the sights of a visit to the Zoological Gardens in London. It is obviously based on Louisa's own travels. I think it would make for a delightful read-aloud to children, since there are lots of interesting animals that make an appearance in the story.

One story that is just so comical, just so demure, and a bit too fun, is **“The Children's Joke”**. My, my. What a laugh, what a riot. Two children get to play the part of the parents all day long, while the parents must be subjected to play the part of children. Each side learns big truths about the other, and that sometimes life is less stressful when you just do the best you can in the life you're given.

I actually was reading this short story collection *Aunt Jo's Scrap Bag* while I simultaneously was reading a biography on Miss Alcott, entitled *Invincible Louisa*, and it was perfect timing! I kept seeing so many parallels between Louisa's own life and the stories she was writing. Most of her stories pulled in so many details of what was happening with her and the rest of the Alcott family in real life. It was fantastic to see the similarities!

In the story **“My Boys”** Louisa writes of several boys who left an impressionable mark on her life. In it, we

see she is starting to sketch out the character of beloved Laurie, though in this early story he is named Laddie. (I actually learned more of the history behind Laurie's character in *Invincible Louisa*, wherein the reader gets to meet the actual boy who both Laddie and Laurie are based on. (Pretty cool stuff can be found in history and literature, eh?))

Although not exactly a favorite, “**Madam Cluck and Her Family**” stands out to me, as it was a strange and grave sort of story. It starts with this delightfully misleading line: “*There never was a prouder mamma than Madam Cluck when she led forth her family of eight downy little chicks.*” The story progresses as each of the chicks dies off in some unfortunate way. A comically grim and rather surprising plot choice, coming from Miss Alcott.

*Overall, a delightful batch of stories that I greatly enjoyed!*

*Book #1 finished for the Louisa May Alcott reading challenge, found at [inthebookcase.blogspot.com](http://inthebookcase.blogspot.com).*

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### **Marcy says**

This is a beautiful collection of stories! I feel that all children would be blessed to have these read to them!

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### **Ellen Hamilton says**

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### **Duckpondwithoutducks says**

This is as the title says, a scrap-bag, or collection of short stories, including an autobiographical one where Alcott describes the original inspiration for Laurie in *Little Women*. If you are a fan of *Little Women*, then this would interest you!

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### **R.K. Cowles says**

3 1/4 stars

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