



**Louisa May Alcott** was born in Pennsylvania, in 1832. The Alcotts were poor, but Louisa worked hard to support her family. She was one of four sisters, just like the March girls. Little Women was published in 1868. The book was such a huge success, Louisa didn't have to worry about money again.

"I've got the key to my castle in the air,  
but whether I can unlock the door remains to be seen."

Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy don't have a lot of money, but they are rich in love.  
Will that be enough to see the sisters through?

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Christmas had arrived, but this year the March girls didn't feel very jolly. Their father was far away, fighting in the army.

Beth was the third.  
Her shy heart sang  
with music.

Meg was the eldest.  
She was elegant and  
well-mannered.

Jo came next. She couldn't  
stop having adventures.

The youngest was Amy.  
She still had lots of  
growing up to do.





It was time to go back to work. Since their father had lost his fortune helping out a friend, all of the girls kept busy.

Meg was a governess for a wealthy family,



Jo looked after cranky old Aunt March,



Beth kept the house neat and comfortable,



and Amy went to school.



One day, Jo went to call on Laurie. The friends chattered for hours. At the end of the afternoon, Laurie picked some hothouse flowers for Jo to take home.

“Please give these to your mother.”



Old Mr. Laurence smiled. He knew that his grandson was lonely. It did the boy good to have young people in the house again.



Mr. Brooke was glad to see the March family back together again.  
He told Meg that he loved her, but Aunt March was displeased.

“You ought to marry well,  
and help your family.”

“Father and Mother  
don’t think so!”

John Brooke was poor, but now  
Meg knew that she loved him, too.



After a few years, Meg and John got married. At first Jo felt sad that Meg was  
leaving home, but it warmed her heart to see everyone so carefree and happy.



It wasn't long before Meg had some more good news.  
Baby twins arrived—a boy named Demi and a girl named Daisy.



When old Aunt March died, she left her big house to Jo and the Professor.  
Together, they turned Plumfield into a school for boys.

All children were welcome at Jo's school—rich or poor.  
The halls echoed with laughter.

Every holiday, the family came to visit. Marmee hugged her girls tight.

"However long you  
may live, I never can wish  
you a greater happiness  
than this!"

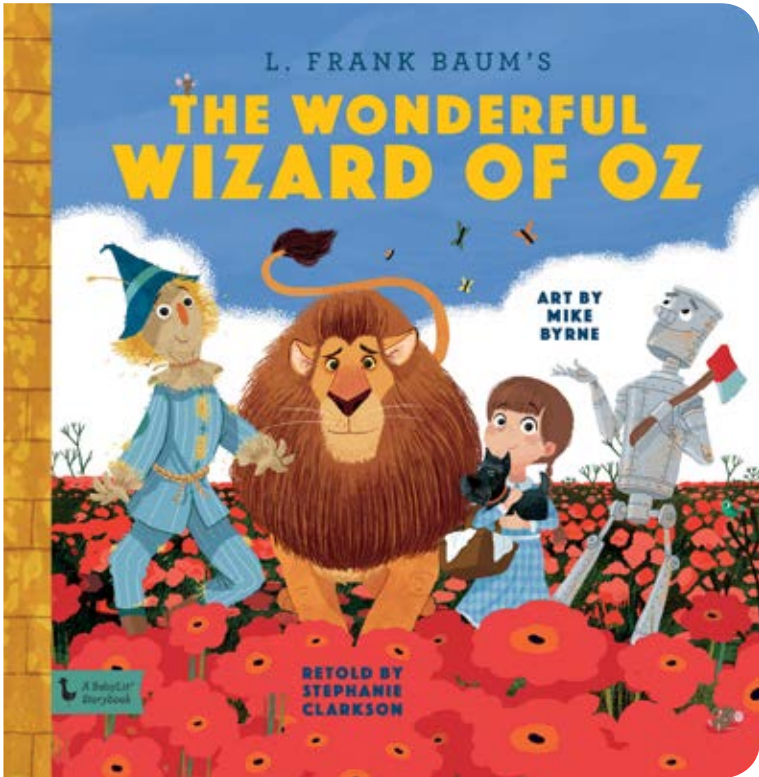
Amy, Meg, and Jo  
smiled in the sunshine.





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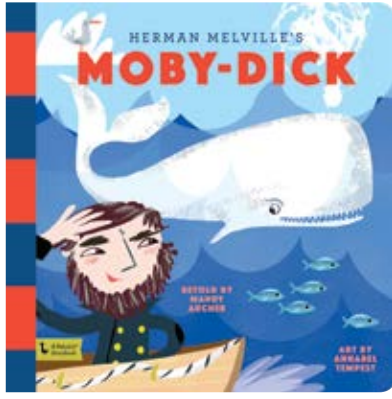
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