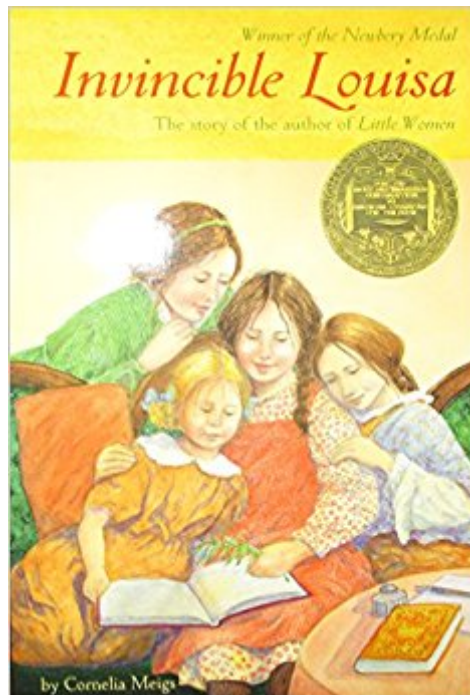




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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Cornelia Lynde Meigs was an American children's author and educator. Her biography of Louisa May Alcott, *Invincible Louisa*, won the Newbery Medal in 1934, as well as the 1963 Lewis Carroll Shelf Award. *Windy Hill*, *Clearing Weather*, and *Swift Rivers* also received Newbery Honor awards.

It was an interesting story I never would have chosen if not for the good price. There were definitely some slower pages and I thought should I try to read this again after a different book? I picked it up a couple of times a day became increasingly interested in the story of her life, the characters were popping out of the woodwork. Characters that played a role in the beginning of our country, and wrote infamous books. I am glad I stuck with it. The timeline at the end a huge help for perspective.

Quite an old book written in 1930s but this means she's closer to the people in the history, with some family members still living in the houses mentioned. Shows Louisa as a very likeable, hardworking character. She had a tough time growing up despite being loved by her parents. Almost made me cry a couple of times!

I loved this book. A very gentle read, but what a surprise to find out the challenges the Alcotts and

Louisa faced for so many difficult years. Of course it is fascinating to draw parallels between *Little Women* and her own life, which are numerous. A great book for anyone, young or old, who loves Louisa May Alcott's books or just reading about a nineteenth century woman who grew up in a very important time and place in American history.

I enjoy biographies and this was one of my favorites. She gave her life to helping family and friends whether she was poor or rich.

Being the first and only biography I have read about Louisa May Alcott, I was naturally very interested in all of it. I am among the millions who have loved her stories, but never looked beyond them. This author wrote in the general style of those times, thereby exposing more of the sense and underlying culture. Over all, it was pleasant, interesting, and easy to read.

Louisa's story was made interesting to me as it began before she was born. We understood the hardship that her parents had to endure and choices that led to who she was and became. I loved going from one step to the other while feeling empathy for her pain and pride for her love, generosity and achievements throughout her life.

Beautifully written, with a sense of honor, admiration, and deep respect. It doesn't feel preachy or idol-worshipping, but the author's high opinion of Alcott comes through and is well supported. I'm a grown-up who read *Little Women* and its sequels many times as a child and teen, and I enjoyed this biography a great deal.

wonderful biography. i was on the verge of tears often ... alcott my favorite author from my youth -- we would enact portions of it in the field next to the widowson's back yard ... i had dibs on jo ... meigs did a wonderful job on capturing the alcotts ... all four sisters, mother abigail and father bronson -- loved it

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