

St. Monica Film Club

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Background



Greta Gerwig (*Lady Bird*, *Francis Ha*) wrote and directed this contemporary adaption of Louisa May Alcott's novel *Little Women* (1868-69). Gerwig captures the essence of the original story of Jo March and her sisters with a contemporary feminist voice. Marmee, the mother, strives to hold her family together while her husband serves in the Civil War, while raising each daughter to be true to herself.



Cast & Crew



Jo March...Saoirse Ronan
Meg March...Emma Watson
Amy March...Florence Pugh
Beth March...Eliza Scanlon
Marmee March...Laura Dern
Theodore Laurence...Timothee Chalamet
Mr. Dashwood...Tracy Letts
Father March...Bob Odenkirk
John Brooke...James Norton
Friedrich Bhaer...Louis Garrel
Mr. Laurence...Chris Cooper
Aunt March...Meryl Streep

Producer...Denise DiNovi, Amy Pascal,
Robin Swicord
Director... Greta Gerwig
Writers..., Greta Gerwig, Book by Louisa
May Alcott
Cinematographer...Yorick LeSaux
Editor...Nick Houy
Costume Design...Jacqueline Durran

For Reflection

1. What was your response to the story and filmmaking?
2. Which character did you identify with most and why?
3. The film looks at the roles open to women in the nineteenth century. How have things changed? In what ways are their still challenges?
4. Jo has a passion for writing and storytelling. Her sisters and mother encourage her, but she has to accept the discipline and overcome fears to realize her dream. Have you experienced this kind of passion in your life or in the lives of people you know?
5. Marmee (the mother) teaches and models common virtues for her daughters, but also strives to help each daughter become the woman she is called to be. How can we help teach virtue and encourage people in their vocations?

Trivia



- *Nominated for 6 Academy Awards, won for costume design.
- *Won AFI Movie of the Year.
- *There have been at least 10 cinematic adaptations of the book: including 1933, 1949, 1994 and mini-series in 2017.

The film is available on Amazon Prime, I-Tunes and other streaming services also on DVD.

Quote from the film

“Women, they have minds, and they have souls, as well as just hearts. And they’ve got ambition, and they’ve got talent, as well as just beauty. I’m so sick of people saying that love is all a woman is fit for.”

Jo March in Greta Gerwig’s *Little Women*

For More Information: www.imdb.com/find?q=Little+Women%27&ref_=nv_sr_sm