

# LOUISA MAY ALCOTT

## MAGAZINE PUBLICATIONS



When Louisa May Alcott started publishing short stories in magazines, she gravitated to thrillers, also called *blood and thunder tales*. They were often presented in several chapters over a series of weeks. Alcott received anywhere from \$5 to \$20 for these stories. Her themes were quite dramatic, and often characters were psychologically manipulative and scheming. In the 1860s, however, it was considered inappropriate for a woman to write such “lurid” stories, thus Alcott often published under the pseudonym A.M. Barnard.