

Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House is proud to sponsor its first-ever

SHORT STORY CONTEST

for Youths in Grades 9 - 12

As a young girl, Louisa May Alcott began writing tales of whimsy and fantasy reflective of her rich imagination. Later, she would create her most enduring work, *Little Women* -- a cherished story never out of print and now available in over 50 languages. To honor the 150th publication anniversary of *Little Women*, the historic home where it was written and set in Concord, MA invites highschoolers to delve into their imaginations and submit original short stories for cash awards.

\$250 First Place ❖ \$150 Second Place ❖ \$100 Third Place

Entries must:

- ♦ be original, student-written, and between 1,000 and 2,000 words
- ♦ utilize the number "150" or the concept of "150th"
- ♦ be submitted between 30 September and 29 November 2018

*All public, private, and home-educated high school students encouraged to submit
Submissions checked for plagiarism and judged by professional, published authors
-- including two Pulitzer Prize winners*

Additional details and contest rules available at www.louisamayalcott.org

We look forward to receiving your entries!



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We would greatly appreciate it if you could please share the news of our inaugural **Youth Short Story Contest** with as many aspiring young authors as possible by posting this notice in a school/library or otherwise distributing the information to any interested students you may know.

For additional details, please visit our website, www.louisamayalcott.org, or send a message to writingcontest@louisamayalcott.org.

We look forward to reading submissions from the next generation of great writers -- good luck to all!

-The Alcott Writing Contest Committee

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