



Behind a Mask or, a Woman's Power

by Louisa May Alcott (1832-88)

Fans of Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women* will remember that her heroine Jo wrote racy novels before turning her hand to more "serious" literature. Alcott, writing under the pseudonym A. M. Barnard, often did the same, and *Behind a Mask* (1866) is one of her sensation novels. It focuses on Jean Muir, who enters the home of the wealthy Coventry family as governess to their sixteen-year-old daughter. But is the beguiling Miss Muir all that she seems to be?



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