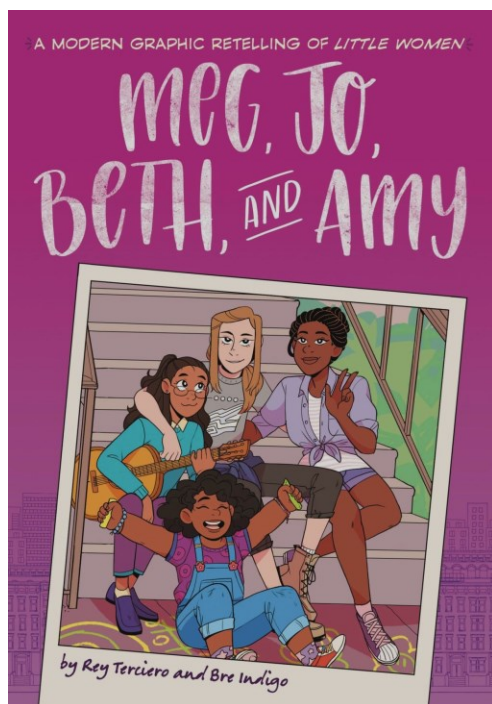


# MEG, JO, BETH, AND AMY: A MODERN GRAPHIC RETELLING OF LITTLE WOMEN



*Juvenile Graphic Novel*

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## **Book Summary:**

Four sisters living with their mother while their father is away in the military, face challenges and overcome them as a family.

## **Summary of Concerns:**

This book contains inexplicit sexual activities; alternate sexualities; references to racism, homophobia, alcohol use, and alternate gender ideologies; controversial cultural and religious commentary; and bullying.

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**Teen Guidance**  
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Page	Content
5	"YOU SAID S-E-X! I'M TELLING MOM!"
15	"HA. YEAH, RIGHT. EW. WHY ARE YOU PICKING A GUY CHARACTER? YOU'RE A GIRL!" "DON'T TRY TO TRAP ME IN YOUR GENDER NORMS. THIS IS THE 21ST CENTURY."
20	"DRINK?" "IS THER ALCOHOL IN IT?" "NOPE. JUST SODA. YOU WANT SOME BOOZE?"
50	"WHAT WAS THAT, BIG NOSE?!" "YA BIG JERK." "I HEARD THAT! YOU'RE ASKING FOR TROUBLE, AFRICA." "I'M NOT FROM AFRICA--I'M FROM BROOKLYN! AND YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE ME TROUBLE NO MATTER WHAT I DO."
54	"OHHHH! I THOUGHT YOU SAID PEOPLE LIKE ME BECAUSE YOU WERE RACIST."
63	Lately, I've been getting bad headaches, and I'm really tired all the time. Jo says it's the heat from global warming. ...I've been staying up late watching movies. Not bad ones! Just Disney princess ones. I know I'm too old for them, but I still like them. (Though I wish they had more black princesses."
67	"WAIT- YOU WEREN'T SERIOUS?" "OF COURSE NOT. I KNOW ALL ABOUT SEX. MY GENERATION LEARNS EVERYTHING FROM THE INTERNET." ..."SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO LOOKED UP THOSE HORRIBLE SITES ON MY COMPUTER! YOUNG LADY, IT LOOKS LIKE WE NEED TO HAVE A VERY SERIOUS CONVERSATION." ..."OF COURSE NOT. WE WERE JUST DISCUSSING HOW LONG AMY WANTS TO BE GROUNDED." "IT WAS A JOKE! I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT SEX! OR THE INTERNET! I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING! I SWEAR!"
70	The illustration on the top of the page depicts a young man and woman kissing. The woman's eyes are wide-open.
71	So yeah, that's when Laurie had to go and kiss me! That kiss could destroy our friendship. What was he thinking?! Why did he have to kiss me? Why couldn't he have kissed Meg? Or someone who wanted it? Instead, he had to go and kiss me. ...But this is the world we live in, one in which not all men and women are created equal. People are still prejudiced against others, whether for the color of their skin, the shape of their bodies, the beliefs in their gods, or the love in their hearts.
83	"I'M PROBABLY THE NEXT PICASSO OR VAN GOGH OR DALI- EXCEPT BETTER, CUZ I'M A GIRL."
87	All I can do is write, letting my words be a prayer, a plea to God or Jesus or Allah or Buddha or whoever is up there, hoping that my words sway their hearts and let me keep my sister- even if for just another day...
110	"BUT MEG HUGGED YOU AFTER...YOU TWO KISSED- SHE WAS SO EXCITED..."
111	"EVERYONE, I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU...I'M GAY."

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114	<p>My name is Jo March, and I am gay.            ...I came out to my sisters and Mom.</p>
115	<p>I've heard so many horrible coming-out stories that I started to grow anxious he was going to disown me. Instead, he kissed my forehead and said, "At some point, you're going to encounter intolerance. When that happens, I want you to hold your head high and be proud of who you are. The world's gotten a lot better, but it still has a ways to go. Until then, know that you are never alone. You have me, and you have your family to back you up."            ...Then he told me how the Black Panther Party were allies with the LGBTQ community in the 1970s. Both groups struggled to be recognized as equal to the rest of the populace. Jean Genet, a famous French gay writer and activist, became friends with David Hilliard, Black Panther chief of staff.            ...There's only one person I need to reach: Aunt Cath. She disappeared after I came out.            ...I asked Mom if Aunt Cath maybe homophobic, and Mom didn't say anything except that she loved me and so did Aunt Cath.</p>
118	<p>"DO YOU THINK...DO YOU THINK SHE'S UPSET ABOUT ME BEING GAY?"</p>
121	<p>"AUNT CATH, I KNOW YOU'RE MAD ABOUT ME BEING GAY. SO LET'S TALK. I THINK TALKING WOULD HELP. LET ME EXPLAIN..."            ..."MY PARENTS WERE DEVOUTLY RELIGIOUS, AND IN MY YOUTH I ADOPTED MANY OF THEIR MORE...UNSEEMLY ATTITUDES TOWARD CERTAIN GROUPS. I GREW UP BELIEVING BEING JEWISH OR MUSLIM WAS WRONG. OR THAT BEING BLACK OR BROWN WAS SOMEHOW LESS THAN BEING WHITE. BUT AS I MATURED, I LET GO OF THOSE HORRIBLE BELIEFS. BUT THERE WAS STILL ONE THOUGHT THAT I HELD ON TO: THAT BEING GAY WAS SINFUL. THAT IT WAS WRONG."</p>
123	<p>"OUR WORLD HAS CHANGED SO MUCH- AND FOR THE BETTER. NOT JUST FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND THOSE OF OTHER RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, BUT ALSO FOR THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY. PEOPLE CAN FINALLY BE THEMSELVES. WITHOUT PREJUDICE. IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW OLD YOU ARE...JUST FIND A WAY TO BE YOU."</p>
126	<p>"I STILL WANT TO WRITE, BUT I'D ALSO WANT TO DO SOME PUBLIC SPEAKING. MAYBE HELP OTHERS TO COME OUT, AND UNDERSTAND THE HISTORY OF THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY."</p>