Scribner Writers Series allows researchers to view a biography of an author's life and works, design their own searches using words or phrases, or customize a search by genre, gender, ethnicity/nationality, time period, and language. Researchers may also view topics with a highly selective, curriculum-related list of writers to use as research starting points.

Scribner Writers Series contains a collection of articles on various authors. The articles can be accessed in three different ways:

**Writers A-Z**—Select “Writers A-Z” from the database menu. Select the first letter of the last name of the author and click on the author’s name. Some authors have more than one article written about them. Each article has its own link. This section also has a link to essays that treat special topics such as Arthurian Legend and Literary Theory.

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**Using Your Findings**

1. Use the links at the top of each article to jump to different portions of the article.
2. Click “Essay” to read the text of the essay.
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4. Click “Citation” to find the citation information at the bottom of each article. Use this information to help you reference this article in your research.
5. To print a document, click on the “format for printing” button located in the column to the left of the document. Choose “print” from your browser to print the document. Choose “back” on your browser to return to the document.

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**Louisa May Alcott**

1832-1888

Go to:
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- Works
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As I read the books, essays, and letters Louisa May Alcott wrote during her lifetime and the books written about her after her death, I kept wondering how it would feel to interview the grand lady. It might have gone something like this:

*Because I had come to interview her, I was startled that she was asking me a question!*

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