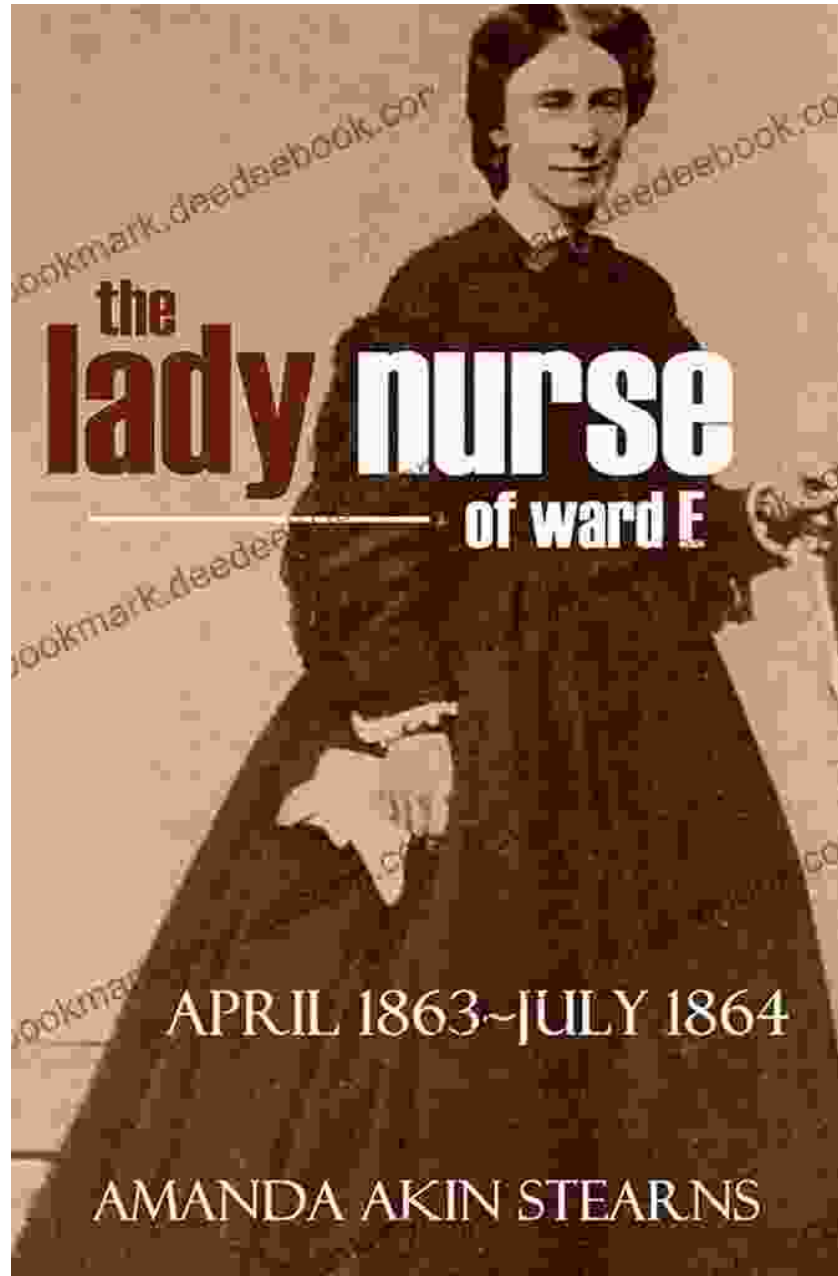
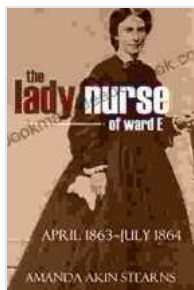


# The Lady Nurse of Ward 1863-1864: An Annotated New Introduction



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published in 1863, the book has been praised for its honest and unflinching portrayal of the horrors of war and the resilience of the human spirit.



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### The Author

Louisa May Alcott was born in Germantown, Pennsylvania, in 1832. She was the second of four daughters born to Bronson Alcott, a renowned transcendentalist philosopher, and Abigail May Alcott, a social reformer. Alcott's childhood was marked by poverty and instability, but she was a voracious reader and writer from a young age.

In 1862, at the age of 30, Alcott volunteered to serve as a nurse in the Union Army. She was assigned to Ward 1863-1864 at the Union Hotel Hospital in Georgetown, D.C. For the next six months, Alcott worked tirelessly to care for the sick and wounded soldiers. She witnessed firsthand the horrors of war, but she also found hope and inspiration in the courage and resilience of her patients.

After the war, Alcott returned home to Massachusetts and began writing about her experiences. In 1863, she published *Hospital Sketches*, a collection of short stories based on her time in Ward 1863-1864. In 1868, she published *Little Women*, a semi-autobiographical novel that became one of the most beloved children's books of all time.

Alcott died in Boston in 1888 at the age of 55. She is buried in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Concord, Massachusetts.

## **The Book**

*The Lady Nurse of Ward 1863-1864* is a collection of letters and diary entries that Alcott wrote during her time as a nurse in the Union Army. The book provides a firsthand account of the horrors of war and the resilience of the human spirit.

Alcott's writing is vivid and unflinching. She describes the sights, sounds, and smells of the hospital in graphic detail. She also recounts the stories of the soldiers she cared for, many of whom were young and idealistic.

Despite the horrors she witnessed, Alcott never lost her faith in humanity. She found hope and inspiration in the courage and resilience of her

patients. She also found comfort in her work, knowing that she was making a difference in the lives of others.

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