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Women's empowerment is considered as an important issue because men tend to dominate in society. Consciously or implicitly, society adheres to the doctrine that men are superior to women. This study aims to represent the girl power in the nineteenth century that developed in the personality of the main female character, namely Josephine March in Little Women novel by Louisa May Alcott. In revealing the process of girl power representation, feminism approach especially Third Wave Feminism Theory are deployed in this study as Josephine March's characteristics suits third wave characteristics. She expresses herself without worrying about others people perception. This study mainly uses Naomi Rockler Gladen theory of Third Wave of Feminism. The results of this study demonstrates that the main female character in Little Women novel, Josephine March represents the girl power who have characteristics including, creating their own identity as a woman, daring to voice their opinions in public, daring to express their emotions in public, daring to express their sexual choice, and being able to use her personal power as a woman to defend injustice.

Keywords: Little Women novel. Girl power, the image of women in the nineteenth century, feminism approach, third wave of feminism theory.

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