

WOMEN IN HISTORY

Women's history is full of trailblazers. Many of the books listed here will be about women who are or were rule breakers. There is the well know quote, "Well-behaved women seldom make history." This is true whether it was fighting for the right to vote, joining the workforce, or making advancements in technology, science, or politics.

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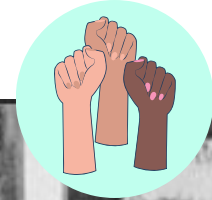


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WOMEN'S HISTORY



Amazons, Abolitionists and Activists

by Mikki Kendall (*Reserve today*)

A bold and gripping graphic history of the fight for women's rights. This ongoing struggle has spanned human history, touched nearly every culture on Earth, and encompassed a wide range of issues, such as the right to vote, work, get an education, own property, exercise bodily autonomy, and beyond. Amazons, Abolitionists, and Activists is a fun and fascinating graphic novel-style primer that covers the key figures and events that have advanced women's rights from antiquity to the modern era.

America's Working Women

by Rosalyn Baxandall & Linda Gordon
(*Reserve today*)

Spanning the years from 1600 to the present, selections from diaries, popular magazines, historical works, oral histories, letters, songs, poetry, and fiction show women's creativity in supporting themselves, their families, and organizations or associations. New selections show the historical origins of today's important issues: sexual harassment, equal pay, "sex work," work in the underground economy, work in the home, and shift work.

The Book of Gutsy Women

by Hillary Rodham Clinton & Chelsea Clinton
(*920 CLI*)

Hillary Rodham Clinton and her daughter, Chelsea, share the stories of the gutsy women who have inspired them -- women with the courage to stand up to the status quo, ask hard questions, and get the job done.

Broad Band: The Untold Story of the Women Who Made the Internet

by Claire Lisa Evans (*004.0922 EVA*)

The history of technology you probably know is one of men and machines, garages and riches, alpha nerds and programmers. But the little-known fact is that female visionaries have always been at the vanguard of technology and innovation--they've just been erased from the story. Until now. Women are not ancillary to the history of technology; they turn up at the very beginning of every important wave.

Civil War Wives

by Carol Berkin (*973.7082 BER*)

In these moving stories of Angelina Grimké Weld, wife of abolitionist Theodore Weld, Varina Howell Davis, wife of Confederate president Jefferson Davis, and Julia Dent Grant, wife of Ulysses S. Grant, Carol Berkin reveals how women understood the cataclysmic events of their day. Their stories, taken together, help reconstruct the era of the Civil War with a greater depth and complexity by adding women's experiences and voices to their male counterparts.

D-Day Girls: The Spies Who Armed the Resistance

by Sarah Rose (*940.5486 ROS*)

The dramatic, inspiring story of the extraordinary women recruited by Britain's elite spy agency to sabotage the Nazis, shore up the Resistance, and pave the way for Allied victory in World War II.

Fearless Women

by Elizabeth Cobbs (*Reserve today*)

Cobbs traces the long history of American feminism, dating back to the Revolution, when the founding principle of equality became a battering ram against hierarchy. She tells this story through the public and private lives of 16 women who pushed the boundaries of their times and insisted on their right to control their bodies and their lives

The Feminine Mystique

by Betty Friedan (*Reserve today*)

A fiftieth anniversary edition of the trailblazing women's reference shares anecdotes and interviews that were originally collected in the early 1960s to inspire women to develop their intellectual capabilities and reclaim lives beyond period conventions.

Fly Girls

by Keith O'Brien (*629.1309 OBR*)

High adventure and high ideals merge when a corps of intrepid female aviators battle to take part in the hugely popular air shows of the 1920s and 1930s. Ultimately, one of our heroines would win a race that earned her the right to be called America's best pilot.

Formidable: American Women and the Fight for Equality

by Elisabeth Griffith (*Reserve today*)

The Nineteenth Amendment was an incomplete victory. A century later, women are still grappling with how to use the vote and their political power to expand civil rights, confront racial violence, improve maternal health, advance educational and employment opportunities, and secure reproductive rights. Formidable chronicles the efforts of white and Black women to advance sometimes competing causes.

Good and Mad: The Revolutionary Power of Women's Anger

by Rebecca Traister (*305.4209 TRA*)

In the year 2018, it seems as if women's anger has suddenly erupted into the public conversation. But long before Pantsuit Nation, before the Women's March, and before the #MeToo movement, women's anger was not only politically catalytic but politically problematic. The story of female fury and its cultural significance demonstrates the long history of bitter resentment that has enshrouded women's slow rise to political power in America, as well as the ways that anger is received when it comes from women as opposed to when it comes from men.

A History of the Wife

by Marilyn Yalom (*306.8723 YAL*)

A study of laws, religious practices, social customs, economic patterns, and political consciousness that have affected generations of wives: in ancient Greece, where daughters were given by fathers to husbands to create legitimate offspring; in medieval Europe, where marriage was infused with religious meaning; during the Reformation and the Age of Enlightenment, when ideals of companionate marriage came to the fore; and in twentieth century America, where a new model of spousal relationships emerged.

In Praise of Difficult Women

Karen Karbo (*305.4092 KAR*)

Presents information on female rule-breakers, including Josephine Baker, Jane Goodall, Margaret Cho, and Hillary Rodham Clinton. Karbo presents brief information on iconic female rule-breakers. She shows how these women charted their paths with little regard for social or cultural expectations, living lives that both illuminate and inspire.

New Women in the Old West

by Winifred Gallagher (*305.4097 GAL 2021*)

A riveting history of the American West told for the first time through the pioneering women who used the challenges of migration and settlement as opportunities to advocate for their rights, and transformed the country in the process. Between 1840 and 1910, over half a million men and women traveled deep into the underdeveloped American West, the vast lands that extended from the Great Plains to the Pacific Ocean. Survival in this uncharted region required two hard-working partners, compelling women to take on equal responsibilities to men.

Sisters in Law

by Linda Hirshman (*347.7326 HIR*)

An account of the intertwined lives of the first two women to be appointed to the Supreme Court examines their respective religious and political beliefs while sharing insights into how they have influenced interpretations of the Constitution to promote equal rights for women.

Women: Our Story

by Rebecca Boggs Roberts (*Reserve today*)

Packed full of evocative images, this gloriously illustrated book reveals the key events in women's history--from early matriarchal societies through women's suffrage, the Suffragette movement, 20th-century feminism, and gender politics, to recent movements such as #MeToo and International Women's Day--and the key role women have had in shaping our past. Learn about the everyday lives of women through the ages as well as the big names of women's history.