

General Book Overview

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Authors of Her Story: A Timeline of the Women Who Changed America

Her Story is a vivid documentation of the breadth and diversity of American women's achievements throughout U.S. history. This one-of-a-kind illustrated timeline highlights the awesome, varied, and often unrecognized contributions of American women since the late 1500s.

There have been women trailblazers throughout American history; women have had a profound impact on the intellectual, social, and political development of our society. But many of their contributions have gone unnoticed. Most people have heard of Susan B. Anthony, Harriet Tubman, Margaret Sanger, and Eleanor Roosevelt. But did you know that a woman microbiologist discovered the bacterium responsible for undulant fever, which then led to the pasteurization of all milk? Or that a woman patented the paper-bag folding machine to make square-bottom bags (the grocery bag)? Or that a female mathematician's work laid the foundation for abstract algebra?

The women featured in *Her Story* range from writers, artists, actors, and athletes to doctors, scientists, social and political activists, educators, entrepreneurs and inventors, and include women of all backgrounds and philosophies. We have compiled an extraordinary collection of women and events that provides a unique view of American history. Part of *Her Story's* distinctiveness is the inclusion of hundreds of lesser-known women from all backgrounds who have broken barriers and created noteworthy and inspiring achievements.

In her Foreword to the book, Madeleine Albright comments, "Spanning the centuries from 1587 . . . this book will allow women *and* men to become more aware of and informed about the women who have been instrumental in giving us the quality of life we enjoy today. Often stepping outside of the expected modes of behavior for women during their lives, the profiled women were the pioneers for their causes, their professions, or their passions. Their accomplishments have advanced the arts, the sciences, politics, and business."

The timeline format of the book includes snapshots of events and organizations that have shaped women's experiences and women's history and, thereby, the culture and history of America. The familiar and unfamiliar stories that unfold here—from Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, to chemist Stephanie Kwolek's invention of Kevlar®, the synthetic fiber used to make bulletproof vests—make *Her Story* a captivating look at champions that will resonate with women and men alike.

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