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Celebrating women in history

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March is Women's History Month, and these fascinating books show the various facets of women throughout history.

Charlotte S. Waisman and Jill S. Tietjen's **Her Story: A Timeline of the Women Who Changed America** (Collins, \$29.95, 272 pages, ISBN 9780061246517) is like a slideshow of American women's history. Pictures and photographs along with short captions document women who've excelled in areas of American culture, including science, politics, business, entertainment and sports. The ones we all know from history class (Pocahontas) and popular culture (Oprah Winfrey) are here. Many are lesser known but no less interesting; for example, Sister Rose Thering, who was instrumental in the Vatican's repeal of its policy of holding Jews responsible for the crucifixion. One fascinating set of photographs shows a Boston Marathon official trying to tear off K. Switzer's race number when he realizes the "K" stands for Kathrine (in 1967 Switzer became the first woman to officially enter and run in the event). With more than 900 women profiled, this book is a perfect addition to any library: public, school, college or personal.



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