

# Favorite Book's for Women's History Month

*March is Women's History Month and an ideal time to recognize and celebrate women's historic achievements as well as an opportunity to honor women within our families and communities. The following are some great books to read for Women's history Month (or anytime).*



*The Anne Frank Case : Simon Wiesenthal's Search for the Truth*  
by Susan Goldman Rubin (J B WIESENTHAL)

In 1958, in Linz, Austria, demonstrators interrupted a performance of The Diary of Anne Frank, claiming that Anne Frank never existed. Determined to prove otherwise, Simon Wiesenthal, a Holocaust survivor, set out to find the Gestapo officer who arrested the Franks years before.

*Art from Her Heart : Folk Artist Clementine Hunter*  
by Kathy Whitehead (J B HUNTER)

Clementine Hunter's paintings went from hanging on her clothesline to hanging in museums, yet because of the color of her skin, a friend had to sneak her in when the gallery was closed.

*Buffalo Music*  
by Tracey E. Fern (E FERN)

After hunters kill off the buffalo around her Texas ranch, a woman begins raising orphan buffalo calves and eventually ships four members of her small herd to Yellowstone National Park, where they form the beginnings of newly thriving buffalo herds. Based on the true story of Mary Ann Goodnight and her husband Charles.

*Child of the Civil Rights Movement*  
by Paula Young Shelton (J 323.1196 S)

Paula Young Shelton shares her memories of the civil rights movement and her involvement in the historic march from Selma to Montgomery.

*Elizabeth Leads the Way : Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Right to Vote*

by Tanya Lee Stone,(J B STANTON)

Elizabeth Cady Stanton stood up and fought for what she believed in. From an early age, she knew that women were not given rights equal to men. But rather than accept her lesser status, Elizabeth went to college and later gathered other like-minded women to challenge the right to vote. This inspiring story is about an extraordinary woman who changed America forever because she wouldn't take no for an answer.



*Gertrude Is Gertrude Is Gertrude Is Gertrude*

by Jonah Winter (J B STEIN)

In a story inspired by the modern and groundbreaking writing of Gertrude Stein herself, not alot makes sense. Enter the whimsical world of Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas.

*Julia Morgan Built A Castle*

by Celeste Mannis (J B MORGAN)

Recounts the life of the architect whose projects included designing the Hearst Castle at San Simeon, California.

*Louisa : The Life of Louisa May Alcott*

by Yona Zeldis McDonough (J B ALCOTT)

Louisa came from a family that was poor but freethinking, and she started teaching when she was only seventeen years old. But writing was her passion. This biography captures the life of a compassionate woman who left an indelible mark on literature for all ages.

*Marvelous Mattie : How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor*

by Emily McCully (J B KNIGHT)

Mattie Knight loved to make things ranging from a foot warmer for her mother or toys for her older brothers. Or, when she was 12, a metal guard to prevent shuttles from shooting off looms and hurting workers. Later, Mattie invented a machine that could cut and glue the square-bottomed paper bags we still use today. Meet the woman known as "the Lady Edison."

*Mermaid Queen : The Spectacular True Story of Annette Kellerman, Who Swam Her Way to Fame, Fortune, & Swimsuit History!*

by Shana Corey (J B KELLERMAN)

As a child growing up in Australia, Annette Kellerman was a frail ugly duckling who dreamed of becoming a graceful ballerina. With courage and determination, she confronted a crippling illness to become an internationally known record-setting athlete who revolutionized the sport of swimming for women, a movie star who invented water ballet, and a fashion revolutionary who modernized the swimsuit.

*My Uncle Emily*

by Jane Yolen (J B DICKINSON)

In 1881 Amherst, Massachusetts, six-year-old Gilbert finds it both challenging and wonderful to spend time with his aunt, the reclusive poet Emily Dickinson, who lives next door.



*Playing to Win : The Story of Althea Gibson*

by Karen Deans (J B GIBSON)

Growing up in Harlem, Althea Gibson was heading down the wrong path until she found her calling. She went on to become the first African American woman to be ranked as the number one woman tennis player in the world.

*Sisters of Scituate Light*

by Stephen Krensky (E KRENSKY)

In 1814, when their father leaves them in charge of the Scituate lighthouse outside of Boston, two teenaged sisters devise a clever way to avert an attack by a British warship patrolling the Massachusetts coast.

*Sparrow Girl*

by Sara Pennypacker (E PENNYPACKER)

When China's leader declares war on sparrows in 1958, everyone makes loud noise in hopes of chasing the hungry birds from their land except for Ming-Li, a young girl whose compassion and foresight prevent a disaster.

*Stagecoach Sal : Inspired by a True Tale*

by Deborah Hopkinson (E HOPKINSON)

When Sal drives a stagecoach alone for the first time to pick up and deliver mail, her mother is afraid she will meet local outlaw Poetic Pete, but Sal not only excels at roping, riding, and shooting, she is also an excellent singer.

*Stompin' at the Savoy : The Story of Norma Miller*

by Alan Govenar

Chronicles jazz dancer, Norma Miller's early life and rise to fame as one of the original performers of the Lindy Hop, an acrobatic style of swing dance named for aviator Charles Lindbergh's solo flight or "hop" across the Atlantic.

*That Book Woman*

by Heather Henson (E HENSON)

A family living in the Appalachian Mountains in the 1930s gets books to read during the regular visits of the "Book Woman"--a librarian who rides a pack horse through the mountains, lending books to the isolated residents.

*Vinnie and Abraham*

by Dawn FitzGerald (J B REAM)

Sculptor, Vinnie Ream's courage and persistence in the service of art, and in the service of a friend.



*Wangari's Trees of Peace : A True Story from Africa*

by Jeanette Winter (J B MAATHAI)

This true story of Wangari Maathai, environmentalist and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, is a shining example of how one woman's passion, vision, and determination inspired great change.