

# Women's History Month: Resources for Teachers and Staff

Women's History Month is a time to celebrate ordinary and extraordinary women, explore women's achievements and struggles throughout history, and acknowledge all the amazing contributions of women to our society. The 2021 theme for Women's History Month is "Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to Be Silenced." However, it is important to acknowledge that not all women were granted the right to vote at the same time. We must consider the importance of intersectionality and how it further marginalized groups of women based on race, gender and sexual orientation. Native American, Asian American, Latinx and African American suffragists had to continue the fight for the right to vote long after the 19th Amendment was ratified. These women demonstrated resilience by refusing to be silent.

Springhurst Library Media Specialist Lauren Rodriguez, Middle/High School Library Media Specialist Ellen Elsen, and K-8 Literacy Coordinator Michelle Yang-Kaczmarek have teamed up with Dobbs Ferry Public Library Children's Librarian Gina Elbert to create this resource list to help your classes dive deeper into the contribution of women to society. Our hope is that this history will not just stay in March but will be celebrated all year long highlighting the determination, courage and perseverance of women.

## Booklist

Below is a list of published books. You can access items marked with a blue dot (●) through the Dobbs Ferry school libraries and items marked with a yellow dot (●) through the Dobbs Ferry Public Library. Please contact your librarians to put them on hold and/or learn more information about the formats in which these titles are available.

## Picture Books

- *Mae Among the Stars* by Roda Ahmed ●●
- *That Book Woman* by Heather Henson ●●
- *The Quickest Kid in Clarksville* by Pat Zietlow Miller ●
- *Kamala and Maya's Big Idea* by Meena Harris ●
- *My Name Is Not Isabella: Just How Big Can a Little Girl Dream?* by Jennifer Fosberry ●
- *Born to Ride: A Story About Bicycle Face* by Larissa Theule ●
- *Ada Twist, Scientist* by Andrea Beaty ●●
- *Astronaut Annie* by Suzanne Buckingham Slade ●●
- *Just Like Me* by Vanessa Brantley-Newman ●

## Elementary Nonfiction

- *She Was the First!: The Trailblazing Life of Shirley Chisholm* by Katheryn Russell-Brown ●
- *Little People, Big Dreams: Rosa Parks* by Lisbeth Kaiser ●
- *Sally Ride: a photo biography of America's pioneering woman in space* by Tam E. O'Shaughnessy ●
- *Shirely Chisholm is a Verb!* by Veronica Chambers ●
- *Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights* by Carole Boston Weatherford ●●
- *What Do You Do with a Voice Like That? The Story of Extraordinary Congresswoman Barbara Jordan* by Chris Barton ●
- *Sylvia and Marsha Start a Revolution! The Story of the Trans Women of Color Who Made LGBTQ+ History* by Joy Michael Ellison and Teshika Silver ●
- *The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a young civil rights activist* by Cynthia Levinson ●●
- *The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read* by Ria Lorraine Hubbard ●
- *Hidden Figures : the true story of four black women and the space race* by Margot Lee Shetterly ●●
- *Talkin' about Bessie : The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman* by Nikki Grimes and E.B. Lewis ●●
- *Harriet Tubman : Conductor on the Underground Railroad* by Ann Petry ●●
- *Game Changers: The Story of Venus and Serena Williams* by Lesa Cline-Ransome ●●
- *Brave, black, first : 50+ African American women who changed the world* by Cheryl Willis Hudson ●
- *Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré* by Anika Denise ●●
- *For the Right to Learn: Malala Yousafzai's Story* by Rebecca Langston-George ●
- *Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx* by Jonah Winter ●●
- *Ocean Speaks: How Maire Tharpe revealed the ocean's biggest secret* by Jess Keating ●
- *Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation* by Duncan Tonatiuh ●●
- *Pass Go and Collect \$200: The Real Story of How Monopoly Was Invented* by Tanya Lee Stone ●
- *Mother Jones and Her Army of Mill Children* by Jonah Winter ●
- *The Only Woman In The Photo: Frances Perkins & Her New Deal for America* by Kathleen Krull ●

- *Lizzie Demands A Seat! Elizabeth Jennings Fights for Streetcar Rights* by Beth Anderson ●
- *Malala's Magic Pencil* by Malala Yousafza ●●
- *Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines* by Jeanne Walker Harvey ●●
- *Shining Star: The Anna May Wong Story* by Paula Yoo ●
- *A Girl Named Rosita: The Story of Legendary Puerto Rican Performer Rita Moreno* by Anika Denise ●
- *Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909* by Michelle Markel ●●
- *Dancing hands : how Teresa Carreño played the piano for President Lincoln* by Margarita Engle ●●
- *Dolores Huerta: A Hero to Migrant Workers* by Sarah Warren ●
- *Sewing Stories: Harriet Powers' Journey from Slave to Artist* by Barbara Herkert ●
- *Women in Sports: 50 Fearless Athletes Who Played to Win* by Rachel Ignotofsky ●●
- *Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women* by Catherine Thimmesh ●●
- *Lives of Extraordinary Women: Rulers, Rebels (and What the Neighbors Thought)* by Kathleen Krull ●
- *Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream* by Tanya Lee Stone ●●
- *A Lady Has the Floor: Belva Lockwood Speaks Out for Women's Rights* by Kate Hannigan ●●
- *Caroline's Comets: A True Story* by Emily Arnold McCully ●●
- *Lillian's Right to Vote: A Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965* by Jonah Winter & Shane W. Evans ●
- *My Name Is Georgia* by Jeanette Winter ●●
- *The Girl with a Mind for Math: The Story of Raye Montague* by Julia Finley Mosca ●●
- *Seeds of Change: Planting a Path to Peace* by Jen Cullerton Johnson ●●
- *Shaking Things Up: 14 Young Women Who Changed the World* by Susan Hood ●
- *Gloria Takes a Stand: How Gloria Steinem Listened, Wrote, and Changed the World* by Jessica M. Rinker and Daria Peoples-Riley ●
- *When We Were Alone* by David Robertson ●●
- *When I was Eight* by Christy Jordan-Fenton ●
- *Buffalo Girl: A Hidatsa Story* by S.D. Nelson ●
- *Wilma's Way Home: The Life of Wilma Mankiller* by Doreen Rappaport ●

## Middle Grade Fiction

- *Betty Before X* by Ilyash Shabazz and Renee Watson ●
- *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* by Jacqueline Kelly ●●
- *Full Cicada Moon* by Marilyn Hilton ●●
- *Zora and Me* by T.R. Simon and Victoria Bond ●
- *The Moon Within* by Aida Salazar ●●
- *Watch Us Rise* by Renee Watson and Ellen Hagan ●●
- *Flygirl* by Sherri L. Smith ●●
- *The Hired Girl* by Laura Amy Schiltz ●●
- *Uprising* by Margaret Peterson Haddix ●●
- *I Can Make This Promise* by Christine Day ●●
- *Indian No More* by Charlene Willing McManis ●

## Middle Grade Nonfiction

- *Finish the Fight! : The Brave and Revolutionary Women Who Fought for the Right to Vote* by Veronica Chambers ●●
- *Forward: My Story* by Abby Wambach ●
- *Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart* by Candace Fleming ●
- *Life in Motion (Young Reader's Edition)* by Misty Copeland ●
- *Heart of a Champion* by Michelle Kwan ●●
- *The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science* by Joyce Sidman ●●
- *First Girl Scout: The Life of Juliette Gordon Low* by Ginger Wadsworth ●
- *I Got This: To Gold and Beyond* by Laurie Hernandez ●
- *Becoming RBG: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Journey to Justice* by Debbie Levy ●
- *Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall* by Anita Silvey ●●
- *Women in Art : 50 Fearless Creatives who Inspired the World* by Rachel Ignotofsky ●
- *My Family Divided : One Girl's Journey of Home, Loss, and Hope* by Diane Guerrero ●●
- *She Did It!: 21 Women Who Changed the Way We Think* by Emily Arnold McCully ●●
- *Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: 100 Tales of Extraordinary Women* by Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo ●●

- *HERstory: 50 Women and Girls Who Shook Up the World* by Katherine Halligan and Sarah Walsh ●●
- *Super Women: Six Scientists Who Changed the World* by Laurie Lawlor ●●
- *Eleanor Roosevelt: Fighter for Justice* by Ilene Cooper ●●
- *Dreaming in Code: Ada Bryron Lovelace, Computer Pioneer* by Emily Arnold McCully ●●
- *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip Hoose ●●
- *The Rebellious Life of Ms. Rosa Parks* by Brandy Colbert ●
- *The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor* by Sonia Sotomayor ●●
- *Condoleezza Rice: A Memoir of My Extraordinary, Ordinary Family and Me* by Condoleezza Rice ●

### Young Adult Fiction

- *Watch Us Rise* by Renee Watson and Ellen Hagan ●●
- *The Hired Girl* by Laura Amy Schiltz ●●
- *The Downstairs Girl* Stacey Lee ●
- *Furia* by Yamile Saied Mendez ●●

### Young Adult Nonfiction

- *Say Her Name* by Zetta Elliott ●
- *Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen* by Jazz Jennings ●
- *In the Country We Love : My Family Divided* by Diane Guerrero ●
- *Wonder Women: 25 Innovators, Inventors, and Trailblazers Who Changed History* by Sam Maggs and Sophia Foster-Dimino ●●
- *Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History (Young Readers' Edition)* by Keith O'Brien ●●
- *Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked the World* by Pénélope Bagieu ●●
- *Jane Against the World: Roe V. Wade and the Fight For Reproductive Rights* by Karen Blumenthal ●●
- *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race* by Margot Lee Shetterly ●●
- *History vs Women* by Anita Sarkeesian and Ebony Adams ●
- *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip Hoose ●●
- *The Rebellious Life of Ms. Rosa Parks* by Brandy Colbert ●
- *Gloria Steinem: A Life* by Winifred Conkling ●
- *The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor* by Sonia Sotomayor ●●
- *Radioactive!: How Irène Curie & Lise Meitner Revolutionized Science and Changed the World* by Winifred Conkling ●●
- *Condoleezza Rice: A Memoir of My Extraordinary, Ordinary Family and Me* by Condoleezza Rice ●

## **Resources**

[History.com: Women's History Month 2021](#)  
[National Women's History Month Museum](#)  
[International Women's Day](#)  
[Women'sHistoryMonth.gov Teacher Resources](#)  
[Women's History Month 2021 Resources](#)  
[Not All Women Gained the Vote in 1920](#)

## **Additional Book Lists**

[Here Wee Read: 25 Children's Picture Books for Women's History Month](#)  
[Social Justice Books: Women's History Month: A Book Every Day](#)  
[A Mighty Girl: New Mighty Girl Books for Women's History Month 2020](#)  
[A Mighty Girl: True Colors: Mighty Girl Books for Pride Month](#)  
[Sharon H. Chang: 12 Kids Books About Asian Women](#)  
[Hispanic Mama: 5 Children's Books about Latina Women](#)  
[A Mighty Girl: 60 Empowering Books Starring Latina Mighty Girls](#)  
[Pebble Go: Discover Great Women from History](#)  
[A Mighty girl: 50 Children's Books Celebrating Native American and Indigenous Mighty Girls](#)