

[Her]story: Women's Roles Through History

Suggested Reading

FICTION

Discover female characters crafted by female and male authors.

Title	Protagonist	Author
<i>A Thousand and one nights (9th cen?)</i>	Scheherazade	Indian and/or Persian traditional narrative
<i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn (1943)</i>	Francie Nolan	Betty Smith
<i>Breakfast at Tiffany's (1958)</i>	Holly Golightly	Truman Capote
<i>Gone with the Wind (1936)</i>	Scarlett O'Hara	Margaret Mitchell
<i>Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (1997)</i>	Hermione Granger	J. K. Rowling
<i>Jane Eyre (1847)</i>	Jane Eyre	Charlotte Brönte
<i>Manhattan Beach (2017)</i>	Anna Kerrigan	Jennifer Egan
<i>Memoirs of a Geisha (1997)</i>	Chiyo Sakamoto Sayuri	Arthur Golden
<i>Murder in the English Department (1987)</i>	Nan Weaver	Valerie Miner
<i>Nora Webster (2014)</i>	Nora Webster	Colm Tóibín
<i>Pride and Prejudice (1813)</i>	Elizabeth Bennett	Jane Austen
<i>Romeo and Juliet (1597)</i>	Juliet	William Shakespeare
<i>Tank Girl (1988-1995)</i>	Rebecca Buck	Jamie Hewlett and Alan Martin, et al.
<i>The Abolitionist's Daughter (2019)</i>	Emily Matthews	Diane C. McPhail
<i>The Hunger Games (2008)</i>	Katniss Everdeen	Suzanne Collins
<i>The Personal Librarian (2021)</i>	Belle da Costa Greene	Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray
<i>The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (1900)</i>	Dorothy Gayle	L. Frank Baum

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NON-FICTION

- Berlage, Gai Ingham. *Women in Baseball: the Forgotten History*. Westport: Praeger, 1994.
- Bonney, Grace. *In the Company of Women*. New York: Artisan, 2016.
- Donner, Rebecca. *All the Frequent Troubles of Our Days*. Boston: Little Brown & Co., 2021.
- Edgerly, Lois Stiles, ed. *Women's Words, Women's Stories*. Gardiner: Tilbury House, Publishers, 1994.
- Fetterman, Peter, ed. *Woman: A Celebration*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2003.
- Fisher, Helen. *The First Sex, the Natural Talents of Women and How They Are Changing the World*. New York: Random House, 1999.
- Friedan, Betty. *The Feminine Mystique*. New York: Dell, 1984.
- Highwater, Jamake. *Myth and Sexuality*. New York: New American Library, 1990.
- Hogenboom, Hilda, ed. *The Memoirs of Catherine the Great*. New York: Random House Publishing, 2007.
- Merriam, Eve. *Growing Up Female in America, Ten Lives*. Garden City: Doubleday & Co, 1971.
- Millett, Kate. *Sexual Politics*. Urban: University of Illinois Press, 1969.
- Nelson, Naomi, ed. *Five Hundred Years of Woman's Work, The Lisa Unger Baskin Collection*. New York: The Grolier Club, 2019.
- Pipher, Mary. *Women Rowing North*. New York: Bloomsbury, 2019.
- Purnell, Sonia. *A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of Virginia Hall, WWII's Most Dangerous Spy*. New York: Little, Brown Book Group, 2019.
- Schiff, Stacy. *Cleopatra*. New York: Little, Brown Book Group, 2010.
- Tremlatt, Giles. *Isabella of Castile: Europe's First Great Queen*. New York: Bloomsbury, 2017.
- Tubbs, Anna Malaika. *The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation*. New York: Flatiron Books, 2021.

Suggested Reading

CHILDREN

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Feminist Baby by Loryn Brantz (Pub. Date 2017)

The Sister Book by Todd Parr (Pub. Date 2018)

ABC What Can She Be? By Sugar Snap Studio (Pub. Date 2018)

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Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty (Pub. Date 2013)

Sophie the Awesome by Lara Bergen (Pub. Date 2010)

Change Sings: A Children's Anthem by Amanda Gorman (Pub. Date 2021)

The Princess in Black by Shannon Hale (Pub. Date 2014)

Shaking Things Up: 14 Young Women Who Changed the World by Susan Hood (Pub. Date 2018)

I am Rosa Parks by Brad Meltzer (Pub. Date 2014)

A Maze Me: Poems for Girls by Naomi Shihab Nye (Pub. Date 2014)

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The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi (Pub. Date 1990)

Who Was Queen Elizabeth by June Eding (Pub. Date 2008)

The Woman Who Rides Like a Man by Tamora Pierce (Pub. Date 2011)

Eleanor, Quiet No More: The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt by Doreen Rappaport (Pub. Date 2009)

From Ras to Riches: A History of Girls' Clothing in America by Leslie Sills (Pub. Date 2005)

Razia's Ray of Hope: One Girl's Dream of an Education by Elizabeth Suneby (Pub. Date 2020)

Girls Rebel!: Amazing Tales of Women Who Broke the Mold by Heather E. Schwartz (Pub. Date 2013)

Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm by Kate Douglas Wiggin (Pub. Date 1903)

Nasreen's Secret School: A true Story from Afghanistan by Jeanette Winter (Pub. Date 2009)

Unsolved: What Really Happened to Amelia Earhart? By John Micklos (Pub. Date 2006)

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Red Hood by Elana Arnold (Pub. Date 2020)

33 Things Every Girl Should Know about Women's History: Suffragettes to Skirt Lengths to the ERA by Tonya Bolden (Pub. Date 2002)

The Daring Book for Girls by Andrea J. Buchanan (Pub. Date 2012)

Teen Trailblazers: 30 Fearless Girls Who Changed the World Before They Were 20 by Jennifer Calvert (Pub. Date 2018)

Moxie: A Novel by Jennifer Mathieu (Pub. Date 2017)

Watch Us Rise by Renee Watson (Pub. Date 2019)

New Titles on order

Nina: A Story of Nina Simone by Traci N. Todd

Susie B. Won't Back Down by Margaret Finnegan

RBG's Brave & Brilliant Women: 33 Jewish Women to Inspire Everyone by Bee Johnson

Code Name Badass: The True Story of Virginia Hall by Heather Demetrios



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