

## Suggested Readings

### Book Award Lists mentioned in annotations

Amelia Bloomer Project: <http://libr.org/ftf/bloomer.html>

American Library Association Book Awards:  
<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/booklistsbook.cfm>

Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People:  
<http://www.socialstudies.org/resources/notable>

Teachers' Choices, International Reading Association:  
<http://www.reading.org/resources/booklists.aspx>

### Categories

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- Books about women running for president
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- Books about women in congress
- Books about women's rights/women's suffrage
- Books about first ladies

### General books about famous women or women in government

*American Women: Their Lives in Their Words: A Documentary History.* Ed. Doreen Rappaport. New York: HarperCollins, 1990.

Excerpts from women's diaries, letters, speeches, and autobiographical writings provide a first-person look at the history of American women. Best Books for Youth, 1992; American Library Association-YALSA; United States.

Ditchfield, Christin. *Condoleezza Rice: America's Leading Stateswoman.* New York: Franklin Watts, 2007.

Condoleezza Rice was the first woman appointed to the key foreign policy post of National Security Advisor by President George W. Bush. In 2005, she became Secretary of State where her job was to work on U.S. foreign policy.

*Famous American Women: A Biographical Dictionary from Colonial Times to the Present.* Ed. Robert McHenry. New York: Dover, 1980.

From Pocahontas to Twyla Tharp, this invaluable reference documents the lives and careers of 1035 distinguished American women in biographical entries of about 400 words. Among them are artists, abolitionists, athletes, poets, businesswomen, diplomats, lawyers, First Ladies, feminists, reformers, teachers, missionaries, doctors, patriots, politicians, singers and socialites. **Note: Portions of this text are available via Google Books**

Harness, Cheryl. *Rabble Rousers: 20 Women Who Made a Difference*. New York: Dutton, 2003.

Includes Ann Lee—Frances Wright—Emma Hart Willard—Sojourner Truth—Mary Ann Shadd Cary—Elizabeth Cady Stanton—Susan B. Anthony—Dr. Mary Edwards Walker—Frances E. Willard—Mary E. Lease—Ida Bell Wells-Barnett—Jane Addams—Mary Harris Jones—Margaret Sanger—Alice Paul—Eleanor Roosevelt—Fannie Lou Hamer—Betty Friedan—Dolores Huerta—Doris Haddock. Amelia Bloomer Project, 2004; American Library Association-SRRT; United States. Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People, 2004; National Council for the Social Studies.

Harness, Cheryl. *Remember the Ladies: 100 Great American Women*. New York: HarperCollins, 2001.

A chronologically arranged collection of profiles of 100 notable American women, ranging from Virginia Dare to Oprah Winfrey. Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People, 2002; National Council for the Social Studies NCSS.

Keller, Emily. *Frances Perkins: First Woman Cabinet Member*. Greensboro, NC: Morgan Reynolds, 2006.

Frances Perkins (1889—1965) was President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's secretary of labor for the length of his administration. Appointed in 1933, she was the first woman Cabinet member and responsible for many of the New Deal programs, including the Public Works Administration. Amelia Bloomer Project, 2007 ; ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT); United States.

Kramer, Barbara. *Madeleine Albright: First Woman Secretary of State*. Springfield, NJ: Enslow Publishers, 2000.

As the first woman Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright was an advisor to the president on foreign policy and U.S interests abroad.

Lawson, Don. *Geraldine Ferraro*. New York: J. Messner, 1985.

A biography of the first woman nominated by a major political party to run for vice president.

Rau, Dana Meachen. *Elizabeth Dole: Public Servant and Senator*. Minneapolis, MN:

Compass Point Books, 2008.

The remarkable biography of Elizabeth Dole, who has held the posts of U.S. Senator, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, U.S. Secretary of Labor, and President of the American Red Cross.

Wheeler, Jill C. *Sarah Palin*. Edina, MN: ABDO, 2009.

The biography of Sarah Palin, vice-presidential candidate in the 2008 presidential election.

*Scholastic Encyclopedia of Women in the United States*. Ed. Sheila Keenan. New York: Scholastic, 1996.

Brief illustrated articles profile significant women in American history, including Abigail Adams, Molly Pitcher, and Nellie Bly. Notable Children's Trade Books in the Field of the Social Studies, 1996; National Council for the Social Studies NCSS; United States.

*The Smithsonian Book of the First Ladies: Their Lives, Times, and Issues*. Ed. Edith P. Mayo. New York: Holt, 1996.

From Martha Washington to Hillary Rodham Clinton this title briefly examines the lives of each woman who has occupied the White House by the side of the president. Notable Children's Books, 1997; American Library Association-ALSC; United States.

Thimmesh, Catherine. *Madam President: The Extraordinary, True (and Evolving) Story of Women in Politics*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2004.

The extraordinary, true (and evolving) story of women in politics. Amelia Bloomer Project, 2005; American Library Association SRRT; United States. Teachers' Choices, 2005; International Reading Association; United States.

### **Books about women running for president**

Bardhan-Quallen, Sudipta. *Ballots for Belva : the true story of a woman's race for the presidency*. New York : Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2008.

A brief biography of Belva Lockwood, a lawyer and suffragette, who ran for president in 1884 despite the fact that women weren't allowed to vote.

Krull, Kathleen. *A Woman for President: Victoria Woodhull*. New York: Walker, 2004.

The story of Victoria Woodhull, the first woman to mount a campaign for the U.S. Presidency in 1872. She was also the first woman to hold a seat on the stock exchange, the first woman to speak before Congress, and the first woman to own a newspaper. Amelia Bloomer Project, 2005; ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT); United States. Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People, 2005; National Council for the Social Studies; United States.

Plourde, Lynn. *Margaret Chase Smith: A Woman for President*. Waterstown: Charlesbridge, 2008.

In 1964, Margaret Chase Smith became the first woman from a major political party to run for President of the United States.

Pollack, Jill S. *Shirley Chisholm*. New York : F. Watts, 1994.

Highlights the life and accomplishments of Shirley Chisholm. The focus is on her political career, which included becoming the first African-American woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. She served in Congress from 1969 to 1982 and was also a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president in 1972.

### **Books about women in the judiciary**

Ayer, Eleanor H. *Ruth Bader Ginsburg: fire and steel on the Supreme Court*. New York : Dillon Press ; Toronto : Maxwell Macmillan Canada : Maxwell Macmillan International, 1994.

A portrait of the second woman named as a judge to the Supreme Court.

Howse, Jennifer. *Sandra Day O'Connor*. New York, NY : Weigl Publishers, 2008.

The story of the first female Supreme Court judge.

### **Books about women in congress**

Fireside, Bryna J. *Is There a Woman in the House... or Senate?* Morton Grove: Whitman, 1994.

Biographies of ten pathbreaking women who have served in Congress: Jeannette Rankin, Margaret Chase Smith, Shirley Chisholm, Bella Abzug, Barbara Jordan, Millicent Fenwick, Geraldine Ferraro, Nancy Kassebaum, Barbara Mikulski, and Patricia Schroeder.

Marx, Trish. *Jeannette Rankin: First Lady of Congress*. New York: McElderry-Simon, 2006.

The inspirational story of the first woman to sit in the House of Representatives, and the only female to vote for woman suffrage in Congress. Amelia Bloomer Project, 2007; ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT); United States.

McElroy, Lisa Tucker. *Nancy Pelosi: First Woman Speaker of the House*. Minneapolis: Lerner Publications, 2008.

Nancy Pelosi, U. S. representative from San Francisco became the highest ranking woman in the Congress when she rose to Speaker of the House of Representatives. This biography highlights her childhood, and rise in the political arena.

Pollack, Jill S. *Women on the Hill: A History of Women in Congress*. New York: Franklin Watts, 1996.

Describes the historic, ongoing struggle of women to find equal representation in national politics, including short biographies of prominent Congresswomen, an analysis of special roles of women in Congress, and a summary of how that legislative body works.

Woelfle, Gretchen. *Jeannette Rankin: Political Pioneer*. Honesdale: Calkins Creek-Boyd's Mills, 2007.

Jeannette Rankin's life from 1880 to 1973 is covered along with her many accomplishments. Amelia Bloomer Project, 2008; ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT); United States.

### **Books about women's rights/women's suffrage**

Brown, Don. *A Voice from the Wilderness: The Story of Anna Howard Shaw*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2001.

The inspiring story of one woman who raised her voice to secure women's right to vote. Amelia Bloomer Project, 2002; ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT); United States.

Kamma, Anne. *If You Lived When Women Won Their Rights*. New York: Scholastic, 2006.

The story of the fight for women to have the right to vote.

Kendall, Martha E. *Failure is impossible! : The history of American Women's Rights*. Minneapolis : Lerner Publications, 2001.

Reviews the history of the women's rights movement in America. Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People, 2002; National Council for the Social Studies NCSS.

Mosley, Shelley and John Charles. *The Suffragists in Literature for Youth: The Fight for the Vote*. Literature for Youth, No. 10. Lanham, MD: The Scarecrow Press, 2006.

Written for teachers, librarians, students, and researchers this resource is a comprehensive guide to the available literature on woman's suffrage. Brief biographies of the most prominent figures in the American suffrage movement precede the list of resources—print, non-print, and electronic—for that individual. Included are fiction and non-fiction books, media, web sites, organizations, and also, ideas for implementing this important information into the curriculum.

Mosher, Kiki. *Learning about Fairness from the Life of Susan B. Anthony*. New York: PowerKids, 1996.

A brief biography examining the idea of fairness in the life of the woman known for her efforts to secure the right to vote for women.

Sullivan, George. *The Day the Women Got the Vote: A Photo History of the Women's Rights Movement*. New York: Scholastic, 1994.

A photographic record of women's right to vote. Black-and-white photographs and reproductions present a wide range of women who played a role in women's struggle for equality.

Wooldridge, Connie Nordhielm. *When Esther Morris Headed West: Women, Wyoming, and the Right to Vote*. New York: Holiday House, 2001.

In 1869, at the age of 55, Esther Mae Hobart McQuigg Slack Morris-headed to Wyoming Territory. She believed a woman should be able to vote and to hold office. [Amelia Bloomer Project, 2002](#); ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT); United States [Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People, 2002](#); National Council for the Social Studies NCSS; United States.

### **Books about first ladies**

Appelt, Kathi. *Miss Lady Bird's Wild Flowers: How a First Lady Changed America*. New York: HarperCollins, 2005.

A biography of Lady Bird Johnson who, as the wife of President Lyndon Johnson, reminded citizens about the importance of conserving natural resources and promoted the beautification of cities and highways by planting wildflowers.

Brophy, David Burgan. *Michelle Obama: Meet the First Lady*. New York: Collins, 2009.

A biography of Michelle Obama beginning with growing up on Chicago's South Side up to her husband's election as President of the United States.

Burgan, Michael. *Hillary Rodham Clinton: First Lady and Senator*. Minneapolis: Compass Point Books, 2008.

A biography of Hilary Rodham Clinton from her childhood to her election as a junior senator from New York.

Cook, Blanche Wiesen. *Eleanor Roosevelt*. Vol. 1. New York: Viking, 1992.

Profiles the first part of the life of Eleanor Roosevelt, including her birth, family, childhood, education, and marriage to FDR up to his being elected as President of the United States.

Fleming, Candace. *Our Eleanor: A Scrapbook Look at Eleanor Roosevelt's Remarkable Life*. New York: Atheneum-Simon, 2005.

In a scrapbook approach, this biography uses photographs, short articles, pictures of sketches, notes, letters, and lists written by Eleanor Roosevelt and her family. Amelia Bloomer Project, 2006; ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT); United States. Best Books for Young Adults, 2006; American Library Association-YALSA-Adult Books for Young Adults Task Force; United States. Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People, 2006; National Council for the Social Studies NCSS; United States.

Freedman, Russell. *Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery*. New York: Clarion-Houghton Mifflin, 1993.

A photobiography of the first wife of a president to have a public life and career of her own. Best Books for Young Adults, 1994; American Library Association-YALSA; United States. Notable Children's Trade Books in the Field of the Social Studies, 1993; National Council for the Social Studies NCSS; United States.

Giblin, James Cross. *Edith Wilson: The Woman Who Ran the United States*. New York: Viking, 1992.

A biography of the First Lady who gave vital support to her husband, President Woodrow Wilson, and to the nation during and after World War I.

Guernsey, JoAnn Bren. *Hillary Rodham Clinton*. Minneapolis: Lerner Publishing, 2005.

This biography of the former First Lady of the United States and senator from New York focuses on the many aspects of her life and career. Amelia Bloomer Project, 2006; ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT); United States.

Harness, Cheryl. *Franklin & Eleanor*. New York: Dutton, 2004.

Introduces the lives of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and First Lady Eleanor, distant cousins who married in 1905 and helped guide the country during the Depression and the Second World War.

MacLeod, Elizabeth. *Eleanor Roosevelt: An Inspiring Life*. Tonawanda: Kids Can, 2006.

The story of Eleanor Roosevelt with photographs and text that work well together to tell her inspiring story.

McCarthy, Pat. *Abigail Adams: First Lady and Patriot*. Berkeley Heights, NJ: Enslow, 2002.

A comprehensive biography of Abigail Adams, wife of the second President. It focuses on Adams's role as wife and mother, as well as on her reputation as "the first feminist in America."

Radcliffe, Donnie. *Simply Barbara Bush: A Portrait of America's Candid First Lady*. New York: Warner, 1989.

This book explores the lively life of First Lady, Barbara Bush.

Stone, Tanya Lee. *Laura Welch Bush, First Lady*. Gateway Biography. Brookfield: Millbrook, 2001.

A biography of Laura Welch Bush, an educator and librarian who became a First Lady of the United States.

Wheeler, Jill C. *Abigail Adams*. Edina, MN: ABDO, 2010.

Abigail Adams was the wife of the second U.S. President, John Adams, and mother of the sixth President, John Quincy Adams. She supported education for women and independence from Great Britain.

Wheeler, Jill C. *Edith Wilson*. Edina, MN: ABDO, 2010.

The story of Edith Wilson, who secretly stepped in and assumed presidential duties when her husband President Woodrow Wilson suffered a stroke during this presidency.

Witteman, Barbara. *Dolley Madison: First Lady*. Mankato, MN: Bridgestone Books, 2003.



A biography of Dolley Madison, wife of the fourth president of the United States, from her Quaker childhood to her roles as a hostess for Thomas Jefferson, First Lady, and heroine in the War of 1812.