



# BECAUSE OF WOMEN LIKE HER

## FICTION

***Americanah* (2014)**

**Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**

Ifemelu and Obinze are young lovers in military-ruled Nigeria. Both leave for the west—Ifemelu for American where, for the first time, she is forced to confront what it means to be black. Obinze had hoped to join her, but with post-9/11 America closed to him, he instead plunges into a dangerous, undocumented life in London.

***Difficult Women* (2017)**

**Roxane Gay**

*Difficult Women* is a collection of 21 fictional short stories so sad, beautiful, disturbing and complex that they will be impossible to get out of your head. Pick this one up if you enjoy reading about the experiences of imperfect women.

***Lilac Girls* (2016)**

**Martha Hall Kelly**

Inspired by the life of a real World War II heroine, this debut novel reveals the power of unsung women to change history. Told in the alternating perspectives of Caroline Ferriday, Kasia Kuzmerik and Herta Oberheuser you will see what happens when they cross paths and fight the atrocities at the Ravensbruck Concentration camp.

***Crossing the Horizon* (2016)**

**Laurie Notaro**

Hang on for one of aviation history's wildest rides, replete with laughs, in this story based on the lives of Elsie Mackay, Mabel Boll, and Ruth Elder, as these determined women race to be the first to make a transatlantic flight.

***Girl Waits with Gun* (2016)**

**Amy Stewart**

This ripped-from-the-headlines story is a fictional account of the events that inspired one of America's first female deputy sheriffs to pursue a career in police work. After their buggy is destroyed by a car belonging to a powerful factory owner, Constance and her sisters find themselves caught up with mobsters who are willing to do whatever it takes to silence them. Constance goes to great lengths to protect her sisters and their farm, not afraid to break societal expectations for women in 1914. Also check out the second book in the series, *Lady Cop Makes Trouble*.



## NONFICTION

***Courageous Women of the Civil War: Soldiers, Spies, Medics, and More* (2016)**

**M.R. Cordell**

This short book offers an overview of the Civil War while profiling several surprising women who participated as soldiers, spies, nurses, and vivandières.

***Thinking In Pictures and Other Reports from My Life with Autism* (1995)**

**Temple Grandin, Ph. D.**

Temple Grandin is a woman who experiences the world from the vantage point of someone on the autism spectrum. It influences how she thinks, feels and comprehends everything and everyone around her. Temple shares her extraordinary story with us, while her perspective helps us understand this different world.

***Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World* (2016)**

**Linda Hirshma**

An informative dual biography on the first two women appointed to the Supreme Court. The book examines the contrasting lives of Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruther Bader Ginsburg and how they shaped women's issues and the legal system.

***My Life, My Love, My Legacy (2017)***

**Coretta Scott King, as told to the Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds**

Written in a conversational tone, this autobiography traces Mrs King's life from her teenage years through her marriage and her widowhood. She worked alongside her husband and after his death still continued his work, all while raising four children.

***Princesses Behaving Badly: Real Stories from History Without the Fairy-Tale Endings (2013)***

**Linda Rodriguez McRobbie**

Tired of all the happy endings? The real women of these stories may have been princesses and aristocracy, but they also led lives as independent rulers, schemers, spies, pirates, military leaders, and more. Read about the myths that surrounded them during their reigns, as well as the legacy each has left to history.

***More than Petticoats: Remarkable New York Women (2001)***

**Antonia Petrash**

This book profiles twelve New York women, each born before 1900, who made significant contributions to society. The short chapters give a brief biography of each of these women and highlight their accomplishments.

***Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race (2016)***

**Margot Lee Shetterly**

The amazing true story of the black female mathematicians at NASA, whose efforts helped America achieve great success in space. The book starts during World War II, moves through to the Cold War, the Civil Rights

Movement and the Space Race. The book details the lives of four African-American women during those times: Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson and Christine Darden. Their true stories will inspire readers and shed light on a little known chapter of American history.

***Headstrong: 52 Women Who Changed Science – and the World (2015)***

**Rachel Swaby**

Women have been making inroads in science for centuries. Enjoy this collection of stories concerning women in medicine, environmental sciences, physics, math, and other fields.

***Wonder Girl (2013)***

**Don Van Natta**

Texas girl Babe Didrikson never tried a sport too tough and never met a hurdle too high. Babe achieved All-American status in basketball and won gold medals in track and field at the 1932 Olympics. One of the founders of the LPGA, Babe won more consecutive tournaments than any golfer in history. At the height of her fame, she was diagnosed with cancer. Babe would then take her most daring step of all: go public and try to win again with the hope of inspiring the world.



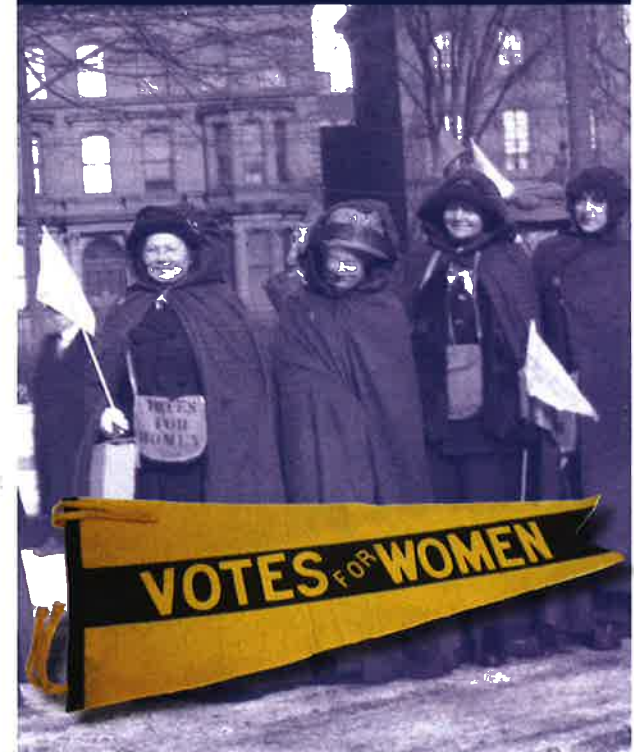
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