

## MARCH 2019 DIVERSITY/CULTURAL EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

### Women's History Month

National Women's History Month began as a single week and as a local event. In 1978, Sonoma County, California, sponsored a women's history week to promote the teaching of women's history. The week of March 8 was selected to include "International Women's Day." This day is rooted in such ideas and events as a woman's right to vote and a woman's right to work, women's strikes for bread, women's strikes for peace at the end of World War I, and the U.N. Charter declaration of gender equality at the end of World War II. This day is an occasion to review how far women have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development. In 1981, Congress passed a resolution making the week a national celebration, and in 1987 expanded it to the full month of March. The 2019 theme is *Visionary Women: Champions of Peace and Nonviolence*" honoring women who have led efforts to end war, violence, and injustice and pioneered the use of nonviolence to change society. For more information visit <http://www.nwhp.org/>.

### Irish American Heritage Month

A month to honor the contributions of over 44 million Americans who trace their roots to Ireland. Celebrations include celebrating St. Patrick's Day (March 17<sup>th</sup>) with parades, family gathering, masses, dances, etc. For more information visit the Irish-American Heritage Month website at <http://irish-american.org/>.

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### As Grandmother Taught: Women, Tradition and Plateau Art

Coiled and twined basketry and beaded hats, pouches, bags, dolls, horse regalia, baby boards, and dresses alongside vintage photos of Plateau women wearing or alongside their traditional, handmade clothing and objects, with works by Leanne Campbell, HollyAnna CougarTracks DeCoteau Littlebull and Bernadine Phillips.

#### Dates: August 2018 through December 2019

Time: Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Location: Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture, 2316 W. First Ave

Cost: \$10.00 adult, \$8.00 seniors, \$5.00 children ages 6-17, \$8.00 college students with ID.

For more information visit their website at <https://www.northwestmuseum.org> or call 509.456.3931.

### "Inuit Art of Povungnituk"

The artists in Povungnituk, located in Arctic Quebec, have been recognized for over a quarter of a century for the quality of their print making and their distinctive style. The Povungnituk sculptures and prints present a cross section of tribal life and chronicle the history and legends of a people. They are occasionally humorous, often joyous and sometimes tragic.

Characterized by crisp images of native animals and human figures set against stark backgrounds, many of the artworks reveal the rituals that have allowed the Inuit people to survive.

#### Dates: February 16 through May 12, 2019

Time: Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Location: Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture, 2316 W. First Ave

Cost: \$10.00 adult, \$8.00 seniors, \$5.00 children ages 6-17, \$8.00 college students with ID.

For more information visit their website at <https://www.northwestmuseum.org/exhibits/upcoming-exhibits/inuit-art-of-povungnituk> or call 509.456.3931.

### Iidiko Kalapacs: Drawing & Lithographs

#### Dates: Friday, March 1, 2019 through Sunday, March 31, 2019

Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Iron Goat Brewing, 1302 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave

Cost: free admission, food and drinks for sale by Iron Goat

For more information, call 509.474.0722.

### **Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Vote**

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment, this display explores the sometimes-complex history of the amendment's ratification, women's voting rights before and after ratification, and the 19th amendment's impact today.

#### **Date: Friday, March 8, 2019 through Wednesday, May 8, 2019**

Time: Library Hours

Location: Spokane North Library,

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information and library hours, visit [www.scl.org](http://www.scl.org). Brought to you by National Archives Display and Hemmingson Philanthropy.

### **"Sacred Encounters: Father De Smet and the Indians of the Rocky Mountain West" Exhibit**

The exhibit tells the story of how Jesuit missionaries (Father De Smet) came to the interior Northwest at the invitation of the Coeur d' Alene and Salish tribes and the profound effects this sacred encounter had on both cultures.

#### **Date: Open, no end date at this time**

Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm daily April through September, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm October through March, (closed holidays)

Location: Old Mission State Park, Cataldo, ID (I-90, exit 39 – 60 miles east of Spokane)

Cost: \$5.00 park entrance fee, exhibit \$5.00 per person/\$10.00 per family.

For more information visit their website at <https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/parks/coeur-d-alenes-old-mission>.

### **Live Irish Music**

#### **Dates: September 2, 2018-March 31, 2019 – every Sunday**

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: O'Doherty's Irish Grille, 525 W Spokane Falls Blvd

For more information visit <http://beta.odohertyspub.com/> or call 509.747.0322.

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### **Can You Queer Me Now?**

#### **Day: Tuesday**

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Hear voices directly from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, and Questioning community right here in the Inland Northwest. You will hear more about current events, local groups, and perspectives directly from the queer youth community. Hosted by Ian Sullivan on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

### **Democracy Now**

#### **Day: Monday-Friday**

Time: 8:00 am – 9:00 am & 5:00 pm-5:00 pm

A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program hosted by journalists Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez. Pioneering the largest public media collaboration in the U.S. Link <https://www.democracynow.org/>. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

### **Democracy Now! Headlines in Spanish**

#### **Date: Saturday**

Time: 7:00 am – 8:00 am

*Democracy Now!* is a national, daily, independent, award winning news program hosted by journalists Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM.

Website: [www.kyrs.org](http://www.kyrs.org) or [www.democracynow.org](https://www.democracynow.org).

**Detention****Day: Monday**

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Variety music/talk show for teens by teens. This show is produced by the students of West Valley City School.

Hosted by Kade, KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

**Dragonflies on Thin Air****Day: Sunday**

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

One of the few elementary age children's radio shows produced by kids for kids in the country. The program is fun and educational for children and adults, and includes a mix of jokes, music, guests, stories, poetry, trivia and more.

Hosted by [Trevor, Zoe, Eva and Selena](#), KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

**Irish Music on Tap****Day: Wednesday**

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Music from Ireland, Scotland and England. Hosted by Don and Rick, on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website:

<http://www.kyrs.org>.

**Latin Lounge****Day: Monday**

Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

A wide spectrum of Latin music. Hosted by "Corazon" on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website:

<http://www.kyrs.org>.

**Layali Arabia****Day: Saturday**

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Arabic songs from a multitude of different genres including but not limited to: hip hop, reggae, indie, metal, folk, pop, electronic, oriental jazz and some of the greatest classics to come out of the Arab World. Hosted by Rahmi on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

**Queens of Noise****Day: Wednesday**

Time: 8:00 pm-10:00 pm

You will hear best in female vocalist/musicians. Hosted by "Queen of Mean" and "Luscious Duchess", KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

**QueerSounds****Day: Thursday**

Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

QueerSounds is radio show dedicated to playing music by and for LGBTQ people. Music, interviews, community events and forums. Hosted by bob, KYRS FM 92.3 or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>

Join the hosts on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/qsounds](http://www.facebook.com/qsounds), or email them at [queersounds@kyrs.org](mailto:queersounds@kyrs.org).

**The Persian Hour****Day: Saturday**

Time: noon – 1:00 pm

The Persian Hour's consists of a variety of Iranian music from hip hop to traditional, Jazz, blues, rock and roll and the usual. Also, they will share stories, recipes, and interviews. Hosted by Shahrokh, KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

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**WSU College of Education's 15th Annual International Globalization, Diversity and Education Conference.**

Theme "Healing the Mind/Body/Soul: Community, Activism, and Justice in Education"

**Dates: Thursday and Friday, February 28-March 1, 2019**

Location: Northern Quest Casino & Resort, 100 North Hayford Road, Airway Heights

Cost: see their website

For more information, visit their website at <http://education.wsu.edu/globalization/>.

**Leadership Institute**

The Institute provides content based on the philosophy and practices developed by the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF). Topics include: Why Organize, Fundamental Organization Skills, Strengthening our Institutions, and Problems vs. Issues.

**Dates: Friday, March 1, 2019 and March 15, 2019**

Time: 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Location: Girl Scouts, 1404 N Ash St

Cost: \$100 if not a Spokane Alliance member organization. Lunch provided, requesting \$10.00 donation

For more information and to register visit [www.iafnw.org/spokanealliance/events](http://www.iafnw.org/spokanealliance/events) or email

[katie@spokanealliance.org](mailto:katie@spokanealliance.org).

**Best of Fest Social Justice Film Festival**

Among the topics explored: health-care workers battling the opioid crisis, children adopted from Korea, the Native Americans who protested at Standing Rock against a controversial pipeline.

**Date: Friday-Sunday, March 1-3, 2019**

Time: Friday: 6:00 pm-9:00 pm, Saturday: 2:00 pm-9:00 pm, Sunday: noon-7:00 pm

Location: Magic Lantern Theatre, 25 W Main

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information and movies to be shown, visit [www.socialjusticefilmfestival.org](http://www.socialjusticefilmfestival.org) or

<https://www.magiclanternonmain.com/>. The festival, which is sponsored by a consortium of agencies, comprises 12 films.

All were culled from the 2018 "Hope & Democracy" Social Justice Film Festival, which was held in October in Seattle.

**CCS Got International Talent**

Come celebrate the wonderful talents of CCS international students. They have singing, dancing, poetry, comedy, and more!

**Date: Friday, March 1, 2019**

Time: 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

Location: Student Union Building, Spokane Falls Community College, 3410 W Fort George Wright Dr

Cost: \$5.00, CCS students free

For more information call 509.533.4113.

**Jarabe Mexicano**

Take a joyride through a versatile songbook of Mexican Folk as well as Rock & Roll, Tex-Mex, Latin Rock, and Reggie-Cumbia.

**Date: Friday, March 1, 2019**

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Spokane Falls Community College, Music Bldg 15 Auditorium 3410 W Fort George Wright Dr

Cost: \$5.00 SFCC students, \$12.00 tickets in advance. \$15.00 at the door, SFCC students \$7.00 at the door

For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://www.facebook.com/SFCCJazzPresents/>.

### **Why Race Matters: History, Systems, and Strategies**

This workshop is led by a multiracial team of local facilitators; addresses how racial inequities have been built into institutions and structures throughout our country; why it is important to use a racial equity lens; and what can we do to advance racial understanding and equity on our organizations in our community.

#### **Date: Saturday, March 2, 2019**

Time: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: Spokane EnVision Center, 130 S Arthur St

Cost: Free and open to the public, lunch will be provided. Donations are welcome

For more information contact [anne@spokaneprogress.org](mailto:anne@spokaneprogress.org) or call 509.624.5657. To register go to

<https://bit.ly/2SPRNBT>. Co-sponsored by Spokane NAACP, I did the time, Spokane Community Against Racism (SCAR), Community Building Foundation and Greater Spokane progress.

### **Partner Church Hungarian Dinner**

Authentic Hungarian food and homemade desserts. Following dinner there will be a short program including updates on events in the village and highlights from their members' trip to Felsőrákos last August. Hungarian folk dancing will follow.

#### **Date: Saturday, March 2, 2019**

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane, 4340 W Ft George Wright Dr

Cost: \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for up to three children per adult ticket

### **2019 Baby Fair**

#### **Date: March 3, 2019**

Time: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Spokane Convention Center

Cost: \$5.00 plus fees

For more information call 509.424.2500.

### **Dear Mother: Letters from 1901 Spokane**

Join local author, Patricia Meredith, as she presents a first-hand look at life in Spokane in 1901, as told through the letters of Marinus Crommelin.

#### **Date: Sunday, March 3, 2019**

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: South Hill, 3324 S Perry Street

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit their website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=2>. Dear Mother: a collection of letters written from Spokane 1901-1902 is reviewed by Meredith at her website: [www.parchmentink.com](http://www.parchmentink.com).

### **National Veterans Creative Arts Festival**

Festival will showcase the talents of Veterans and to provide them with an opportunity to gain recognition for their creative accomplishments.

#### **Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Mann-Grandstaff Spokane VA Medical Center, CLC Dining Room

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.434.7000.

**Diverse Voices Writing Group****Date: Thursday, March 7, 2019**

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Spark Central, 1214 W Summit Parkway

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.279.0299 or visit their website at <http://www.sparkwestcentral.org/>.**2019 Deepening Our Roots - Fig Tree Benefit Lunch****Date: Friday, March 8, 2019**

Time: Buffet starts at 11:45, program is noon to 1:00 pm 11:45 am-1:00 pm

Location: Cataldo Hall, Gonzaga University

Cost: Lunch is complimentary, guests will be invited to donate to support The Fig Tree

For more information and to rsvp, call 509.4112 or 509.535.1813

**Walk Through Poverty Art Exhibit**

By artist Cameron Day, explores the plight and complexity of poverty in the Inland Northwest. This exhibit shows that poverty is a topic of critical importance and touches all of us in one form or another, even when it seems we are invincible.

**Date: Friday, March 8, 2019 through Friday, March 22, 2019**

Time: Library Hours

Location: Spokane Valley Library, 12004 E Main Ave

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information and library hours, visit [www.sclld.org](http://www.sclld.org). Brought to you in partnership with Rogue heart Media and Hemmingson Philanthropy. Film accompanying exhibit will be shown on March 21, 2019.

**International Women's Day –Health, Spa, and Beauty Expo**

Women's Resource Fair, Networking &amp; More, sip and shop

**Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019**

Time: noon– 5:00 pm

Location: Silver lake Mall, Couer d'Alene, ID

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information, email [Charity@thefamilyguide.org](mailto:Charity@thefamilyguide.org) or call 509.928.9664.**International Women's Day – Balance for Better: Creative, Cultural &Community Healing**

Keynote: Idella "IipaSu-Akii" King, Educational Advocate, in collaboration with the Red Skirt Society. The title of her presentation is "Community Healing Through Female Indigenous Ideologies."

**Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019**

Time: 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: Spokane Community College, 1810 N Greene

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information, visit their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/406282003458963/>.**PBX Kids' Concert with Floating Crowbar**

Celtic dance party featuring Floating Crowbar with members of the MSD Irish Dance Academy.

**Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019**

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Location: Riverside Place, 1108 W Riverside Ave (formerly the Masonic Center)

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.747.1200 or visit their website at <http://www.kpbx.org>.

### **Introduction to Shin Buddhism**

Three-week course about Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

**Date: Sunday, March 10, 17, & 31, 2019**

Time: Follows the 10:30 am Sangha Service

Location: Spokane Buddhist Temple, 927 S Perry St

Cost: Free, donations accepted. All are invited to attend the service and lecture.

For more information call 509.534.7954 or visit their website at [www.spokanebuddhisttemple.org](http://www.spokanebuddhisttemple.org)

### **Navigating Racism: Looking beyond your Perspective**

Join Equity Educators for an educational workshop on navigating racism! As a predominantly white campus, it is important for us to find ways to educate ourselves on racism and find ways to be there for our fellow students. This workshop will help you to do things and further understanding racism, privilege, and identify ways that you can contribute to anti-racist efforts.

**Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019**

Time: 11:00 am - noon

Location: MCC, PUB 329, EWU

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information contact the Multicultural Center at [mcc@ewu.edu](mailto:mcc@ewu.edu) or call 509.359.4004.

### **Unity in the Community (UIC) Planning Meeting**

UIC will be celebrating 25 years on August 17, 2019 at Riverfront Park.

**Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019**

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Emmanuel Family Like Center, 631 S Richard Ct. Room 101

Cost: Free, looking for volunteers to plan this event

For more information visit [www.nwunity.org](http://www.nwunity.org).

### **2019 Deepening Our Roots - Fig Tree Benefit Breakfast**

**Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019**

Time: Buffet starts at 7:15, program is 7:30 am to 8:30 am

Location: Cataldo Hall, Gonzaga University

Cost: Breakfast is complimentary, guests will be invited to donate to support The Fig Tree

For more information and to RSVP, call 509.4112 or 509.535.1813

### **Hispanic Business Professional Association**

Sabes Que – Jennifer Macias Morris, 1<sup>st</sup> grade Spanish Immersion Teacher with Spokane Public Schools

**Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019**

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm, social/networking & dinner with speaker/program

Location: Mexicana Fiesta, 1227 S Grand Blvd

Cost: Around \$10.00--\$15.00 if you order dinner.

For more information regarding the luncheon meeting contact Isabel Mazcot de Torres, HBPA President at

[hbpaspokane@gmail.com](mailto:hbpaspokane@gmail.com) or visit their website at [www.hbpaspokane.net](http://www.hbpaspokane.net).

### **Diverse Voices Writing Group**

**Date: Thursday, March 14, 2019**

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Spark Central, 1214 W Summit Parkway

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.279.0299 or visit their website at <http://www.sparkwestcentral.org/>.

**The Great Folk Scare: American Folk Music Revival**

Explore the folk singers and songwriters of the late '50s and '60s. Brad Keeler and Linda Parman perform music celebrating this moment in American history.

**Date: Saturday, March 16, 2019**

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: North Spokane Library, 44 E Hawthorne Rd

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information and or to purchase tickets, call 509.893.8350 or visit their website at

<http://scldevanced.info/signup/list?df=list&nd=150&kw=great+folk+scare>

***Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise Documentary***

Watch a compelling documentary about Dr. Maya Angelou (1928-2014). She was a singer, dancer, activist, poet and writer who inspired generations with lyrical modern African-American thought that pushed boundaries. Best known for her autobiography *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, she gave people the freedom to think about their history in a way they never had before. This documentary sheds light on the untold aspects of her life through never-before-seen footage, rare archival photographs and videos, and her own words.

**Date: Saturday, March 16, 2019**

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:55 pm

Location: South Hill, 3324 S Perry Street

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit their website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=3>. In collaboration with the local chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

**41st Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade****Date: Saturday, March 16, 2019**

Time: Noon

Location: Downtown Spokane

Cost: Free to the public

For more information visit their website at <http://www.friendlysonofstpatrick.com/> or email [parade@friendlysonofstpatrick.com](mailto:parade@friendlysonofstpatrick.com).

**Floating Crowbar**

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the rhythmic sounds of Irish pipes, flute, whistle, banjo, mandolin, as well as fiddle and guitar. Floating Crowbar plays a high energy mix of Irish instrumental music and songs drawn from traditional and contemporary sources.

**Date: Sunday, March 17, 2019**

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Airway Heights Library, 1213 S Lundstrom St, airway Heights

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information, call 509.893.8250 or visit their website at

<http://scldevanced.info/signup/list?df=list&nd=150&kw=floating+crowbar>.

**NAACP General Membership Meeting****Date: Monday, March 18, 2019**

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: TBD

Cost: Free, meeting open to everyone.

For more information visit their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/spokane.naACP/> or visit their website at <http://spokanenaACP.com/>.

**Breakfast with the Chief**

The Spokane Police Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation formed by local community leaders to support the mission of the Spokane Police Department.

**Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019**

Time: 6:00 am – 9:00 am

Location: The Davenport Hotel

Cost: \$500 to \$5000

From more information, email [info@spokanepeacefoundation.org](mailto:info@spokanepeacefoundation.org) to set up a meeting.

**Diverse Voices Writing Group****Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019**

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Spark Central, 1214 W Summit Parkway

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.279.0299 or visit their website at <http://www.sparkwestcentral.org/>.

**Walk Through Poverty, a 30-minute Documentary, and the Accompanying Art Exhibit**

By artist Cameron Day, explores the plight and complexity of poverty in the Inland Northwest. This documentary and exhibit show that poverty is a topic of critical importance and touches all of us in one form or another, even when it seems we are invincible.

**Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019**

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Spokane Valley Library, 12004 E Main Ave

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information and library hours, visit [www.scld.org](http://www.scld.org). Brought to you in partnership with Rogue heart Media and Hemmingson Philanthropy.

**Daughters of Norway**

A club to unite women who wish to preserve their Nordic heritage by exploring its rich history, culture, folk arts and native languages. Meetings involve sharing Nordic tales, cooking, arts and tips on retracing family roots.

**Date: Saturday, March 23, 2019 (fourth Saturday of each month)**

Time: 10:00 am

Location: TBD

For more information call 509.926.8090 or visit [www.daughtersofnorwayfreya.org](http://www.daughtersofnorwayfreya.org) or contact (509) 926-8090 for location and time of monthly meetings.

**Wide Open Panel: Conversations about Israel**

Panel participants will vary and represent a wide range of political perspectives on the history and current events of Israel. Moderated by Rabbi Tamar Malino and Education Director Iris Berenstain.

**Date: Sunday, March 24, 2019**

Location: Temple Beth Shalom, 1322 E 30<sup>th</sup> Ave

Time: 10:00 am - noon

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.747.3304 or visit their website at [www.spokanetbs.org](http://www.spokanetbs.org).

**The Great Folk Scare: American Folk Music Revival**

Explore the folk singers and songwriters of the late '50s and '60s. Brad Keeler and Linda Parman perform music celebrating this moment in American history.

**Date: Sunday, March 25, 2019**

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: North Spokane Library, 44 E Hawthorne Rd

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information and or to purchase tickets, call 509.893.8350 or visit their website at

<http://scld.evanced.info/signup/list?df=list&nd=150&kw=great+folk+scare>

**East Central Wellness Carnival**

Free blood pressure, cholesterol glucose, immunizations and food

**Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019**

Time: 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Sheridan Elementary School, 3737 E 5<sup>th</sup> Ave

Cost: Free and open to the public

Presented by Spokane WSU Health Sciences.

**Diverse Voices Writing Group****Date: Thursday, March 28, 2019**

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Spark Central, 1214 W Summit Parkway

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.279.0299 or visit their website at <http://www.sparkwestcentral.org/>.

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Engaging Fatherhood Conference & Resource Fair****Date: Friday, March 29, 2019**

Time: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Location: Spokane Community College, 1810 Greene St, Lair

Cost: Free admission and lunch

From more information and or to register go to their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SpokaneDADS/>.

**SAVE THE DATE****Vietnamese Heritage Day**

Commemorates Vietnam's founding fathers and 5,000-year-old ancient civilization with music, food, art/history exhibition, slideshows, speeches, gifts, cultural performances, traditional opera, and to honor Vietnam Veterans.

**Date: Saturday, April 6, 2019**

Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Genesis Event Center, 9315 N Nevada St

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information email [vasa.spokane@yahoo.com](mailto:vasa.spokane@yahoo.com). Presented by the Vietnamese American Senior Association of Spokane

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual YWCA Spring Fling**

Champagne Brunch and Silent Auction

**Date: Saturday, April 13, 2019**

Time: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Location: Anthony's at the Falls, 510 N Lincoln Street

Cost: \$60:00

For more information call Kate at 509.789.9312 or visit their website at [https://ywcaspokane.org/event/spring-fling-brunch/?instance\\_id=439](https://ywcaspokane.org/event/spring-fling-brunch/?instance_id=439).

### **16<sup>th</sup> Happy Earth Day 2019 - Save the Species**

**Date: Saturday, April 13, 2019**

Time: 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

Location: Balfour Park Block across Spokane Valley City Hall, 105 N Balfour Rd, Spokane Valley

Cost: Free

For more information visit their Facebook at EarthDaySpokane or call 509.928.9664

### **Tommy Orange – EWU Get Lit Programs**

Author of *There There*, a multi-generational, relentlessly paced story about a side of America few of us have ever seen: the lives of urban Native Americans.

**Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2019**

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: SCC Lair Auditorium, 1810 Mission Ave

Cost: Free and open to the public. Seating in the auditorium is first come, first served. The reading will be followed by a book signing.

Presented by SCC's Hagan Foundation Center.

### **Native American Graduation**

Native American students in the Spokane area completing high school, GED, undergraduate, graduate, technical, or professional programs are encouraged to register and invite their family and friends to the celebration.

**Date: Friday, April 26, 2019**

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Cataldo Hall, Gonzaga university

Cost: Free

From more information visit their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SpokaneNativeGraduation/>.

### **23rd Annual African American Graduation**

Young, Gifted and Black. A Cultural Salute for Outstanding Academic Achievement for K-12 schools and colleges/universities. Deadline to register is Thursday, March 28, 2019.

**Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019**

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Hemmingson Center, Gonzaga University

Cost: Free

For more information and/or to register email [aagradspokane@gmail.com](mailto:aagradspokane@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/AAGradSpokane/>.

### **24th Annual Hispanic/Latino Graduate and Young Scholar Recognition Ceremony**

All Hispanic/Latino(a) graduating students from Spokane County high schools and colleges/universities are invited to attend with family members. in addition, Young Scholars, in grades 8-11 with a gpa of 3.00.

**Date: May 2, 2019**

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: Lair, Spokane Community College, 1810 Greene Street

Cost: Free

For more information email [hbpaceremony@gmail.com](mailto:hbpaceremony@gmail.com), visit their website at [www.hbpaspokane.net](http://www.hbpaspokane.net).

### **Other Diversity/Cultural Information**

**Hispanic Business/Professional Association (HBPA) Foundation** is accepting applications for their **scholarships** for graduating high school seniors and college/university undergraduates for the 2019/2020 year. Visit <http://www.hbpaspokane.net/scholarship.html> for information and scholarship letter/application, deadline April 6, 2019. For more information email [hbpaspokane@gmail.com](mailto:hbpaspokane@gmail.com) or [hbpasholars@gmail.com](mailto:hbpasholars@gmail.com).

If you know of diversity/cultural event open to the public that you would like added to the monthly calendar, please e-mail Yvonne C. Montoya Zamora at [yvonnecmc04@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnecmc04@gmail.com) with event details. For other events, visit [www.visitspokane.com](http://www.visitspokane.com) or <http://www.spokane7.com/>.

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### **March 2019 National/International Cultural Celebrations**

**March 1** **Martenitsa – Bulgaria, Romania**  
Bulgarians celebrate spring by exchanging red-and-white yarn designs to symbolize health. They wear the yarn designs on their clothing until they see a stork or a blossoming tree. They then either put the martenitsa on a tree branch to bring on spring or hide it under a rock to represent the wish that the evil spirits in nature (and humankind) will go to sleep.

**St. David's Day – Wales**  
Celebrates Saint David, or known as Dewi Sant in Welsh, the patron saint of Wales who died on this day.

**Chalanda Marz - Switzerland**  
Children go from door to door singing and receive sweets in return.

**March 1** **Independence Day - Bosnia & Herzegovina**  
Yearly celebration of their independence from the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in 1992.

**World Day of Prayer - International**  
Held on the first Friday of March, the World Day of Prayer is a movement of Christian women of many traditions who came together in 1927 to observe a common day of prayer each year. A movement initiated and carried out in more than 170 countries and regions bringing together women of various races, cultures and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

**March 2** **Alá (19 day Fast begins thru Mar 20) - Bahá'i**  
The nineteenth and final month in the Bahá'i calendar and the time of the 19-day fast in preparation of their new year, Nowruz. The English translation of Alá (Arabic) is loftiness.

**March 4** **Shivratri – Hindu**  
On Shiva's night, the Hindu deity Lord Shiva performed the Tandav, the cosmic dance of creation and destruction. A 24-hour fast is kept and devotees make pilgrimages to major shrines to workshop.

**March 5** **Shrove Tuesday – Christian**  
This is the day before Lent. Taken from the old word "shrive", it means forgiveness. Traditionally it was a time to give up meat and dairy foods.

**Carnaval Parade - Brazil**  
Celebrated the day before lent.

**March 6** **Ash Wednesday (Lent) – Christian**  
This day marks the beginning of Lent. Ash symbolizes sorrow for wrong doings and foreheads of church goers are marked with the shape of the cross with ashes as a sign of penitence.

<b>March 6</b>	<b>Independence Day - Ghana</b> Commemorates the date in 1957 when the Gold Coast became an independent member of the British Commonwealth.
<b>March 8</b>	<b>International Women's Day - UN</b> Marks the 1857 revolt of women in New York City protesting conditions in the U.S. textile and garment industries. It acknowledges the contributions made by working women. The theme for International Women's Day, 8 March, is "Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives".
<b>March 10</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday – UK</b> The UK celebrates motherhood and takes place the fourth Sunday of Lent. Traditionally, children bring gifts of flowers and chocolates to their mothers. It originated with the Victorian practice of allowing servants to return home to visit their mothers on this day.
	<b>Daylight Savings Time Begins -USA</b> The practice of advancing clocks in 48 of the USA states during summer months (mid-March-early November) so that evening daylight lasts longer. This act does sacrifice normal sunrise times.
<b>March 12</b>	<b>Girl Scout Day – USA, Canada</b> Juliette 'Daisy' Gordon Low assembled 18 girls from Savannah, Georgia on March 12, 1912, for a local Girl Scout meeting. She believed that all girls should be given the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually - with the goal of bringing girls out of isolated home environments and into community.
	<b>National Day – Mauritius</b> Celebrates the day of independence from the UK in 1968.
<b>March 15</b>	<b>Memorial Day - Hungary</b> Commemorates the 1848 day of movement toward independence from the Austrian Empire.
<b>March 16</b>	<b>Gahambar Hamaspithmaedem (March 16-20) - Zoroastrian</b> This day celebrates the creation of human beings.
<b>March 17</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Day – N. Ireland/Ireland/USA</b> Commemorates the patron saint of Ireland, who converted the island to Christianity in 432 AD. Tradition says that St. Patrick died on this date in 461 AD. He used the three-leaved shamrock to explain the Christian idea of the Holy Trinity, thus the idea of wearing a shamrock.
<b>March 18</b>	<b>Flag Day - Aruba</b> The flag of Aruba was officially adopted on March 18, 1976, along with the official anthem.
<b>March 19</b>	<b>St. Joseph's Day – Christian</b> Celebrated throughout most of Italy and by the Italian communities in North America. He was the foster father of Jesus and is the universal patron of the Catholic Church. According to legend, when a severe drought struck western Sicily in the Middle Ages, the people of that area prayed to St. Joseph, asking him to intercede for them and send rain. Their prayers were granted and since then they honor St. Joseph by helping the needy in their community.
<b>March 20</b>	<b>Spring Equinox – International</b> In the Northern Hemisphere, spring begins today with the vernal equinox. In the Southern Hemisphere, today is the beginning of autumn. The daylight length is virtually the same everywhere today – 12 hours, 8 minutes.

**Eostre – Wicca**

A fertility festival celebrating the birth of Spring. The word Easter is derived from the maiden goddess. Celebrations including lighting fires at sunrise, ringing bells, and decorating hard-boiled eggs, an ancient Pagan custom associated with the goddess.

**Shunki-Sorei-Sai – Shinto**

Ancestors are given reverence at home altars and considered active members of the living family. Gravesites are cleaned and purified.

**Shunbun no Hi - Japan**

During the time of the Spring Equinox, Buddhists meditate on the harmony in the universe.

**Poutuerangi - Aboriginal/Maori, New Zealand**

From Aboriginal roots of the Maori in New Zealand Poutuerangi is celebrated. This is Fall season and Autumn Equinox in the Maori calendar when they harvest crops. Great feasting and celebrating go on this time of year.

**Independence Day - Tunisia**

Celebrates the day in 1956 when the country was formally recognized as independent from France.

**International Day of the Francophone**

Celebrates the French language and Francophone culture.

**March 21****Holi - Sikh & Hindu**

According to myth, a tyrannical king's son, PraHlad, refused to worship his father as God and was condemned to death by burning. However, the boy's aunt, named Holika, transferred her own immunity from fire to Prahlad, and burned to death in his place. This festival of color celebrates Spring, where people play with liquid and powdered colors, light bonfires and blow horns to celebrate the destruction of Holika.

**Hola Mohalla (Bikarami) - Sikh**

Mock battles are fought and martial arts are displayed in honor of Guru Gobind Singh, who took to armed struggle against tyranny

**Nowruz (New Year) – Afghanistan, Zoroastrian, Baha'i, Islam Ismaili,**

Nowruz means "New Day" and is the traditional celebration of the ancient Persian New Year. Iranians celebrate it on March 20<sup>th</sup>. It is also a holy day for Zoroastrian, Sufi, Ismaili and the Baha'i faiths. Persians (Iranians, Afghans and Tajiks) and other Indo-Iranian groups (Kurds, Armenians, Azerbaijanis and Balochs) start preparing for the Nowruz with a major spring cleaning of their houses and the purchase of new clothes to wear for the new year. They visit the elders of their family, then the rest of their family and finally their friends. On the thirteen day, families leave their homes and picnic outdoors.

**Purim – Jewish**

Purim is known as the Feast of Lots, which celebrates the deliverance of Jews in Persia from the machinations of Haman. Jews dress in costume and give gifts of food to each other.

**International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination – UN**

A day to promote efforts to eradicate racial discrimination worldwide and also to remember the killing of 69 protesters against injustice in Sharpeville, South Africa in 1960.

**March 21** **Harmony Day - Australia**  
 Harmony Day, which began in 1999, occurs on 21 March each year and celebrates Australia's success as a diverse society united by a common set of values.

**March 22** **Emancipation Day – Puerto Rico**  
 Commemorates the abolition of slavery in 1873.

**World Water Day - UN**  
 Each year, World Water Day highlights a specific aspect of fresh water. It provides an important opportunity to consolidate and build upon previous World Water Days to highlight the two-way relationship between water and the work agenda in the quest for sustainable development.

**March 23** **World Meteorological Day – UN**  
 Commemorates the 1950 day of the convention that created the World Meteorological Organization.

**March 25** **Feast of the Annunciation - Christian**  
 Nine months before Christmas, The Archangel Gabriel came to Mary of Nazareth and told her she would bear the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

**March 26** **Birth of Prophet Zarathustra (Fasli) - Zoroastrian**  
 Zarathushtra (Zoroaster in Greek; Zarhosht in India and Persia) is the founder of the Zoroastrian religion dating back to sometime between 1500 and 1000 BC. He lived in Persia, modern day Iran.

**Independence Day – Bangladesh**  
 Commemorates the independence of Bangladesh in 1971.

**Kuhio Day - Hawai'i**  
 Prince Kuhio Day is in honor of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole's birthday. Prince Kuhio was dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the Native Hawaiian culture.

Source: Diversity/Cultural Celebrations from Creative Cultural Communications 2019 Diversity Calendar.

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In celebration of and to honor Women's History Month, below is a list of recent biographies of women. Due to space considerations, only 50 biographies of the 75 are listed. You can find the remaining biographies at A Mighty Girl website. To see the additional books, go to the website address at the end of this list or email me for the list.

#### **Stories of Mighty Women - Biographies for Adult Readers**

On A Mighty Girl, we feature thousands of books for children and teens about smart, confident, and courageous girls and women, but we are also often asked for reading recommendations for adults about inspiring women of the past and present. To that end, in this blog post, we're sharing our favorite biographies for older teen and adult readers about Mighty Women that were released in either hardcover or paperback this year (2018). These women's stories are sure to inspire!

***Becoming: A Memoir by Michelle Obama***

Written by: Michelle Obama

During her eight years as First Lady, Michelle Obama established herself as a powerful advocate for girls and women, while helping to create one of the most welcoming White Houses in history. In her inspiring memoir, she chronicles the experiences that shaped her: childhood years in Chicago's South Side, the struggles of balancing motherhood with her work as an executive, and the challenges that come with stepping onto the nation's political stage. This compelling account by one of present-day America's most iconic women will encourage readers to reach high, defy expectations, and become who they're meant to be.

***The Woman's Hour - The Great Fight to Win the Vote***

Written by: Elaine Weiss

This real-life political thriller tells the story of the nail-biting climax of one of the greatest political battles in American history: the ratification of the constitutional amendment that granted women the right to vote. In August 1920, 35 states have ratified the Nineteenth Amendment, twelve have rejected or refused to vote, and one last state is needed — after a seven-decade long crusade, the future of women's suffrage comes down to Tennessee. Over one hot summer, opposing forces converge on the state for a vicious face-off replete with dirty tricks, bigotry, and betrayals. Following a handful of remarkable women who led their respective forces into battle, *The Woman's Hour* is the inspiring story of activists winning their own freedom in one of the last campaigns forged in the shadow of the Civil War, and the beginning of the great twentieth-century battles for civil rights.

***Ruth Bader Ginsburg: A Life***

Written by: Jane Sherron de Hart

Recommended Age: Adults

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's pioneering career has made a profound mark on both American law and society. Now, in this definitive biography, meticulously researched and fifteen years in the making, admirers of this groundbreaking jurist can learn about the foundational moments of her life, work, and philosophy. When Ginsburg began her study of law, she was one of only a handful of female law students; as a law professor at Rutgers University, she had to hide her second pregnancy or risk losing her job. But her tireless efforts to fight for gender equality have continued to push progress forward. In this substantial work, author Jane Sherron de Hart has produced an intriguing portrait of a justice whose influence, particularly on the lives of American women, cannot be overstated.

***The Girl Who Smiled Beads: A Story of War and What Comes After***

Written by: Clemantine Wamariya, Elizabeth Weil

Clemantine Wamariya experienced tremendous trauma as a child: at six years old, she and her older sister Claire had to flee the Rwandan massacre and spent six years seeking safety in seven countries in Africa, facing both horrors and unexpected kindness. Then, she and her sister were granted refugee status in the US, and the sisters parted: Claire was now a struggling single mother, while Clemantine was taken in by an American family. But a privileged American life didn't erase the struggles of her past. In this powerful memoir, Wamariya challenges readers to redefine "victim," instead seeing the incredible resiliency that allows people like her, all over the world, to overcome profound losses and build new lives.

***Eunice: The Kennedy Who Changed The World***

Written by: Eileen McNamara

Joe Kennedy spent his life grooming his sons for politics — and ignoring the potential of his daughters. Eunice Kennedy Shriver grew into a formidable woman, determined to confront the injustices she saw, including a country that offered no options for people like her sister, Rosemary, who had intellectual disabilities, and a family that considered its sons the only important part of the future. She would go on to make an incredible impact on American society, including by founding the Special Olympics. In this insightful biography, Eileen McNamara draws on previously-unseen private papers to provide a compelling look at a woman of compassion, drive, and vision.

### ***Educated: A Memoir***

Written by: Tara Westover

Tara Westover grew up in a family of survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, with a father who refused them medical care, education, and more, even when an older brother turned violent. Then one of her other brothers extricated himself and went to college... and his story inspired Westover to try to. Stepping into a classroom for the first time at age 17, everything — including major world events — was new to her. But as she learned more, she began to wonder if she would ever be able to go home. This coming-of-age memoir is a testament to both the determination of one woman and the power of education.

### ***Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History***

Written by: Keith O'Brien

In the 1930s, everyone loved air racing, and male pilots were considered daring and courageous heroes — but female pilots were the subject of ridicule; why would people more suited to a home and kitchen even try to take the controls of such a dangerous machine? In this book, Keith O'Brien tells the stories of five women who dared to challenge the entrenched prejudice and prove that women had what it took to fly. Florence Klingensmith, Ruth Elder, Amelia Earhart, Ruth Nichols, and Louise Thaden came from drastically different backgrounds, but they all had a dream of flight... and one of them would prove that a woman could do more than just fly: she could win the toughest race of them all.

### ***The Wind in My Hair: My Fight for Freedom in Modern Iran***

Written by: Masih Alinejad

Masih Alinejad was a teenage activist, a young wife and mother, and then a young divorcee — to the shame and embarrassment of her religiously conservative family. She fought for custody of her beloved son, and as a journalist, she fought to bring truth to the world. And on a picture on her Facebook page — one where she stands proudly without wearing the veil that is compulsory for Iranian women — she sparked a social media campaign, "My Stealthy Freedom." Masih's vivid memoir is a testament to fighting adversity at every turn and to the little freedoms that many women must still fight to win.

### ***What The Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City***

Written by: Mona Hanna-Attisha

When Flint, Michigan switched its water source to the contaminated Flint River in 2014, it was considered a clever cost-cutting maneuver. Then pediatrician Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha got a tip about lead levels in the water — and realized that her patients were particularly vulnerable to any increase in lead. When her requests for data were ignored, she conducted her own study, proving that Flint's water was dangerous — and she held fast, even when the government tried to discredit her research. In this memoir that reads like a scientific thriller, Hanna-Attisha tells a story of misguided policy and heartless indifference — but highlights her own determination, optimism, and sense of justice.

### ***Can't Nothing Bring Me Down - Chasing Myself in the Race against Time***

Written by: Ida Keeling

101-year-old Ida Keeling had survived the Great Depression and the Civil Rights Movement; she thought nothing could be worse. Then her two sons were brutally murdered, and Ida felt like she couldn't carry on. But her daughter urged her to tie on a pair of sneakers, and at 67, she started to run. Since her first race 35 years ago, Miss Ida has never looked back! In this conversational and charming memoir, Keeling — the world record holder for the 60-meter dash in the 95-99 age group — proves that it's easier to overcome obstacles when you pick up your feet and go.

***Broad Band: The Untold Story of the Women Who Made the Internet***

Written by: Claire L. Evans

When people talk about the history of computers, the names that come up are almost exclusively male — but groundbreaking women have been at the heart of every important wave of technology! In this insightful social history of the internet, Claire L. Evans shares the little-known stories of women in tech, from Ada Lovelace and her first computer program, to Grace Hopper teaching computers to "talk," to Stacy Horn, who ran one of the first social networks out of her apartment in the 1980s. This inspiring call to action shines a light on the bright minds whom history forgot, and shows us how they will continue to shape our world in ways we can no longer ignore.

***In Praise of Difficult Women: Life Lessons From 29 Heroines Who Dared to Break the Rules***

Written by: Karen Karbo

When women are independent, ambitious, opinionated, or simply insistent that they will take up space, they're often branded with the word "difficult." But in this beautifully illustrated book, author Karen Karbo argues that being "difficult" may not make life easier, but it definitely makes it more meaningful and fulfilling! Her unique narrative tells the stories of 29 iconic women, including figures like Frida Kahlo, Carrie Fisher, Amelia Earhart, and Shonda Rhimes, who forged their own paths in the world. She explores their stories — imperfections and all — and examines the universal themes that connect us to each of these mesmerizing personalities today: success and style, love and authenticity, daring and courage.

***Visionary Women: How Rachel Carson, Jane Jacobs, Jane Goodall, and Alice Waters Changed Our World***

Written by: Andrea Barnet

At first glance, Jane Jacobs, Rachel Carson, Jane Goodall, and Alice Waters have little in common with one another — but these four women, each of whom defied convention, all proved that one voice speaking truth to power can change the world. Author Andrea Barnet shows how each woman found her voice during the early 1960s: Jacobs fought for strong communities, Carson proclaimed the danger of environmental damage, Goodall proved that humans and animals weren't so different as we thought, and Waters urged us to consider what we put on our dinner table. This intriguing book is a tribute to the power of visionary women.

***In Extremis: The Life and Death of the War Correspondent Marie Colvin***

Written by: Lindsey Hilsum

In Extremis is the inspiring and devastating biography of Marie Colvin, a fearless and iconoclastic war correspondent who covered the most significant global calamities of her lifetime. Like her hero Martha Gellhorn, Colvin was committed to bearing witness to the horrifying truths of war, and to shining a light on the profound suffering of ordinary people caught in the midst of conflict. In Extremis is a thrilling investigation into Colvin's epic life and tragic death based on exclusive access to her intimate diaries from age thirteen to her death, interviews with people from every corner of her life, and impeccable research.

***Looking for Lorraine: The Radiant and Radical Life of Lorraine Hansberry***

Written by: Imani Perry

Looking for Lorraine is a revealing portrait of one of the most gifted and charismatic, yet least understood, black artists and intellectuals of the twentieth century, Lorraine Hansberry. Although best-known for her work *A Raisin in the Sun*, her short life was full of extraordinary experiences and achievements, and she had an unflinching commitment to social justice, which brought her under FBI surveillance when she was barely in her twenties. While her close friends and contemporaries, like James Baldwin and Nina Simone, have been rightly celebrated, her story has been diminished and relegated to one work — until now.

***Ask Me About My Uterus - A Quest to Make Doctors Believe in Women's Pain***

Written by: Abby Norman

It's a story that's all too familiar: a woman in pain, dismissed by doctors, has to find her own answers. In 2010, Abby Norman dropped out of college because of excruciating pain that her doctors wrote off as a urinary tract infection. It wasn't until years later, when she took matters into her own hands and spent hours reading in a medical library, that she received a diagnosis of endometriosis. In this important book, Norman uses her own story to illuminate the cultural and political context of how women's bodies — and women's pain — are treated. This eye-opening and infuriating book is a rallying cry for women's health.

***A False Report: A True Story of Rape in America***

Written by: T. Christian Miller, Ken Armstrong

When 18-year-old Marie reported being raped in her apartment in Seattle, Washington in 2008, both police and those close to her doubted her story — and soon she "admitted" she'd made up the story and was accused of false reporting. But two years later, Colorado detectives Stacy Galbraith and Edna Hendershot realized that a serial rapist was on the loose: one whose careful steps to intimidate victims and erase physical evidence implied he might be a soldier... or a cop. Their meticulous investigation would connect the rapist to attacks in multiple states and highlight the skepticism directed toward rape victims. This harrowing story, rich in forensic detail, is also a rallying cry to change the way society views rape and accusations.

***Blood Letters: The Untold Story of Lin Zhao, a Martyr in Mao's China***

Written by: Lian Xi

Lin Zhao was a poet and journalist who refused to let her voice be silenced, even by the brutal Chinese Cultural Revolution. Driven by her Christian faith and her belief in free speech, she is the only known Chinese citizen who openly opposed Mao's communism. Despite being arrested and tortured for eight years, she remained steadfast, writing poems and letters proclaiming her dissent in her own blood. Author Lian Xi drew on Lin Zhao's prison writings and interviews with friends, classmates, and other former political prisoners to create this searing portrait of courage and defiance.

***The Girl from Kathmandu - Twelve Dead Men and a Woman's Quest for Justice***

Written by: Cam Simpson

In August 2004, twelve Nepalese men took what they thought was a job at a luxury resort in Jordan, not knowing that they had actually been hired for subcontract work at an American military base in Iraq. They were murdered by Islamic extremists, and video of their execution was shared on the web. Investigative journalist Cam Simpson asked why these men were in Iraq and who they were working for. The question would trigger a 10-year journey into war profiteering, trafficking, and human rights violations — and a meeting with Kamala Magar, a widow who dared to face the powerful men who had sent her husband to die without a thought. This shocking and thought-provoking story sheds new light on the ugly truths of global capitalism.

***Because We Are Bad: OCD and a Girl Lost in Thought***

Written by: Lily Bailey

13-year-old Lily Bailey was convinced that she was bad — her rogue thoughts had caused havoc and no penance would ever be enough. Unaware that she was in the grips of childhood obsessive compulsive disorder, she created a second personality inside herself to help drive the compulsions that she desperately hoped would quiet and order her thoughts. In this intimate and searing memoir, she describes how she struggled to "normalize" herself as a child, and the adult breakthrough that allowed her to understand herself as she never had before. This eye-opening look at OCD is also a testament to the resilience of a woman who refused to give up on herself.

***Butterfly: From Refugee to Olympian***

Written by: Yusra Mardini

When young Syrian refugee Yusra Mardini realized that the boat she and dozens of others were taking to Greece has lost its engine and was sinking fast, she leapt into action — and into the water. With the rope in one hand, she swam for shore, pulling the boat to safety. As the world shared her story, Mardini refocused on a new dream: competing in the Olympics. And in 2016, she joined the Refugee Olympic Team in Rio. Mardini hopes her story of fleeing home, swimming on the world stage, and working as a UN Goodwill Ambassador will put a personal face on the refugee crisis for readers around the world.

***In Pieces***

Written by: Sally Field

On screen, Sally Field dazzled and delighted from the moment of her first TV role at seventeen. But beneath the polished exterior was a shy, nervous girl who depended on her acting skill to give herself a voice. In this honest and open memoir, Field explores her lonely childhood, her complicated relationship with her mother, the joys, sorrows, and hardships of her early career, and the fulfillment she's found both in front of and away from the camera. *In Pieces* is a powerful account of life as a woman in the second half of the twentieth century.

***Madame President - The Extraordinary Journey of Ellen Johnson Sirleaf***

Written by: Helene Cooper

When Ellen Johnson Sirleaf ran for president of Liberia, nobody thought she could win: no country in Africa had elected a female head of state. As well, she seemed like an unlikely candidate: an ordinary Liberian mother and survivor of domestic violence turned banking executive and activist. But not only did she win, she changed her nation for the better — and became a Nobel Peace Prize winner. Helene Cooper captures Sirleaf's personality and personal story in his book, as well as the lessons that any woman can learn from her remarkable story.

***Suffragists in Washington, D.C. - The 1913 Parade and the Fight for the Vote***

Written by: Rebecca Boggs Roberts

By 1913, despite sixty years of grueling work by suffragists, only six states allowed women to vote. Then Alice Paul came to Washington, D.C., with a bold plan: a Great Suffrage Parade, right down Pennsylvania Avenue, the day before Woodrow Wilson's inauguration. Paul's demonstration marked the beginning of a more aggressive strategy that divided the women's suffrage movement, and even resulted in suffrage protesters being thrown in jail and beaten. But these tactics would eventually lead to victory: the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment was seven years away. This narrative telling of the final years of the suffrage struggle is a testament to the power of protest and the will of determined women.

***In the Great Green Room: The Brilliant and Bold Life of Margaret Wise Brown***

Written by: Amy Gary

Margaret Wise Brown's children's classics, like *Goodnight Moon* and *The Runaway Bunny*, revolutionized children's book publishing — but there's far more to this children's author than most people know. In addition to her determination to understand and capture a child's wonder at the world, Brown had set herself a mission to help girls see themselves as equal to boys. Clever and quirky, she also led an often tumultuous personal life. When she died unexpectedly at 42, she had left an astounding legacy. Author Amy Gary draws on newly discovered personal letters and diaries to create an intimate portrait of a phenomenally talented author.

***Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II***

Written by: Liza Mundy

In the midst of World War II, with many American men fighting overseas, over ten thousand women were recruited for an important but secret mission: these women would be trained as codebreakers. In Washington, they learned to crack codes, deciphering messages that would shorten the war and save the lives of countless people. They also gained access to a new realm of career advancement that had previously been closed to women. But after the war, with their vow of secrecy still in place, their stories were nearly lost. Author Liza Mundy dug deep into newly released files and interviewed surviving "code girls" to create this fascinating history of the women whose work made a significant but hidden contribution to America's war effort.

### ***Suzanne's Children: A Daring Rescue in Nazi Paris***

Written by: Anne Nelson

In the late 1930s, Suzanne Spaak, a child of Belgium's leading political family, met a Polish Jewish refugee in Paris, and she discovered a new purpose; helping people escape from the Nazi regime. When Paris fell, she used her wealth and connections in service of the Resistance, arranging for thousands of children to be "kidnapped" out from under the Gestapo's nose. As liberating armies approached Paris, it seemed like safety might finally be achievable... until Spaak was caught in a Gestapo dragnet. For her "crimes" against the Nazi regime, she was executed — only shortly before Paris was freed. This powerful story was meticulously researched, but reads like a thriller, full of suspenseful twists — and starring a daring woman who gave her life to protect Europe's most vulnerable during World War II.

### ***The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women***

Written by: Kate Moore

The Curies' discovery of radium wasn't just a scientific landmark; it also became a marketing frenzy, with beauty products and medicines hawking its benefits for the body. The women who worked in radium-dial factories of World War I were thought to have the luckiest job of all: they spent their days coated in the glimmering dust. But then they started to get sick. As the factories denied the connection, and with the women crying corruption and demanding answers, one of the greatest battles for worker's rights of the 20th century would begin. Kate Moore tells the riveting story of how the "radium girls" fought for life-changing regulations and research into the effects of radiation that would save hundreds of thousands of lives, highlighting how their battle still influences our world today.

### ***The Unwomanly Face of War: An Oral History of Women in World War II***

Written by: Svetlana Alexievich; Richard Pevear (Translator); Larissa Volokhonsky (Translator)

In the midst of World War II, over a million Soviet women stepped up to serve their country. After the war, however, their contributions were deliberately pushed aside; their efforts had been critical, but they didn't fit the narrative of what a proper Soviet woman ought to be. To capture their side of history, Nobel Prize-winning author Svetlana Alexievich conducted dozens of interviews, speaking to women who had been nurses and doctors, pilots and tank drivers, and even snipers and machine-gunners on the front lines. This powerful book, which now appears in a much-anticipated English translation by Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky, tells what Alexievich calls "a woman's history" of the war. It is a heartfelt tribute to the strength and courage of women who were willing to give everything for their nation — including the truth of their part in the war.

### ***The Glass Universe: How the Ladies of the Harvard Observatory Took the Measure of the Stars***

Written by: Dava Sobel

If you were a woman at the Harvard Observatory in the mid-nineteenth century, you weren't an astronomer: you were a "human computer," performing calculations and analysis on observations only men were allowed to take. But as photography began transforming astronomy, their work would revolutionize our understanding of the universe. "The glass universe" included over half a million photographic plates, and the women who studied them — including Williamina Fleming, Annie Jump Cannon, and Dr. Cecilia Helena Payne — would discover novae, design stellar classification systems, and determine what stars were made of. This fascinating story of the hidden history of astronomy celebrates the women whose contributions made our current understanding of the stars and the space they inhabit possible.

### ***The Atlas of Beauty: Women of the World in 500 Portraits***

Written by: Mihaela Noroc

Photographer Mihaela Noroc wants the world to reconsider how they define beauty. Over the course of her travels, she developed an online following for what she called an *Atlas of Beauty*: portraits of women within their communities that celebrate not traditional beauty, but the beauty that is within all of us. In the forests of the Amazon, streets of London, markets of India, and parks of Harlem, these colorful portraits provide a unique, intimate look at women around the world; now, this hardcover photo book encourages people to flip through her photographs and see the artistry of their everyday lives.

***Irena's Children: The Extraordinary Story of the Woman Who Saved 2,500 Children from the Warsaw Ghetto***

Written by: Tilar J. Mazzeo

In 1942, a Polish Catholic social worker named Irena Sendler decided she could not stand by and watch the mistreatment of people in Warsaw's Jewish ghetto. As a public health worker with access to the ghetto, she realized that there was something she could do: she could smuggle children facing certain death out of the ghetto and find families to take them in — ultimately, she saved the lives of 2,500 children. Equally importantly, she preserved the real names of the children in hopes of reuniting them with their families after the war. Even after her arrest and torture by the Gestapo, she kept silent to protect the children she had rescued. Sendler's incredible story shows how one person's bravery can change the future of thousands. This book is also available in a new young readers edition, *Irena's Children: A True Story of Courage* for ages 10 to 14. For films about her heroic story and more books for children, visit our [Irena Sendler Collection](#).

***Strong Is The New Pretty: A Celebration of Girls Being Themselves***

Written by: Kate T. Parker

When photographer Kate T. Parker snapped a photo of her daughter right before her first triathlon, she started a new project that would celebrate the diverse, authentic, wonderful girls all around the world! In this book, Parker collects 175 photographs that defy the restrictive notion of beauty that's often presented in the media. Instead, she captures girls being fearless, kind, wild, proud, silly, and so much more. Each full-page picture is accompanied with a short quote from the featured girl reflecting on her own strengths. This beautiful celebration of the power of girls is an inspiring book that moms can share together with their daughters.

***The RBG Workout: How She Stays Strong... And You Can Too!***

Written by: Bryant Johnson

People know Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg for her excellent legal mind and her sharp dissenting opinions... but did you know she also does 20 full push-ups a day? For that, she credits Bryant Johnson, the personal trainer she started seeing to rebuild her strength after cancer treatment. In his new book, Johnson introduces everyone to the workout he created for Ginsburg, leading readers step by step through a simple but challenging series of exercises to build strength and confidence. Illustrated with four-color drawings of Ginsburg in workout gear performing the exercises, and complete with sidebars of Johnson's folksy wisdom about health and fitness, this book will show you how to work out like the Notorious RBG.

***Sisters First: Stories from Our Wild and Wonderful Life***

Written by: Jenna Bush Hager, Barbara Pierce Bush

Jenna and Barbara Bush were used to being in the public eye growing up in a political family — but when their own father became president, the scrutiny reached a whole new level. The sisters found their typical teenage mistakes making news across the country, saw pictures of themselves appear on tabloid covers, and had to go to college with Secret Service agents in tow to watch over them. In their new memoir, the sisters share their story of what life was like before, during, and after the White House — and about what the bond of sisterhood has meant to both of their lives. Funny, poignant, and personal, this is an intimate look at the inside story of the former first daughters.

***Love on Trial: Our Supreme Court Fight for the Right to Marry***

Written by: Kris Perry, Sandy Stier

When Proposition 8 banned same-sex marriage in California, Kris Perry and Sandy Stier had been a couple — raising four sons — for over a decade. Like many gay and lesbian couples, they had everything... except for the protections that legal marriage offered. So Perry and Stier decided to take a stand, becoming the lead plaintiffs in the court case suing the state of California to reinstate gay marriage — a case that would go all the way to the Supreme Court. Told in alternating voices, Perry and Stier explore the steps that took them from childhoods in 1960s America to the forefront of the marriage equality battle. Full of poignant and hilarious observations on everything from parenting teenagers to having hot flashes in front of Supreme Court justices, this is a unique look at the family who took part in one of the most important civil rights battles of our time.

### ***Peggy Seeger: A Life of Music, Love, and Politics***

Written by: Jean R. Freedman

Peggy Seeger may have seemed destined for success in folk music, given her family, but that didn't mean she was going to follow an already beaten path! Seeger not only helped drive folk revivals in both the US and the UK, but she also devoted her time to important causes like environmentalism and feminism. Along the way, she left a legacy of festivals, recording studios, and mentored artists, all of which have cemented her influence in the music world and beyond. Author Jean Freedman's candid and in-depth biography is sure to be a hit with fans of this groundbreaking artist and woman.

### ***The Woman Who Smashed Codes: A True Story of Love, Spies, and the Unlikely Heroine Who Outwitted America's Enemies***

Written by: Jason Fagone

Elizabeth Smith was an expert in Shakespeare when a 1916 job changed the course of her life — and American intelligence history. Smith's boss, a tycoon with connections to the US government, turned her language skills to code cracking. Along the way, she would meet groundbreaking cryptologist William Friedman, her future husband, and the couple would be critical to the development of the NSA. Smith would help catch gangsters and smugglers during Prohibition, expose Nazi spy rings in South America, and help crack multiple versions of the German Enigma machine. This intriguing story explores the development of modern intelligence through the life of one unforgettable woman.

### ***My Life, My Love, My Legacy***

Written by: Coretta Scott King, Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds

Coretta Scott King's life was changed forever when she met and married Martin Luther King, Jr. — but her marriage to the famous civil rights leader was only a part of her story. After Dr. King's death, as a widow and single mother of four, she became one of the leaders of the Civil Rights Movement and worked tirelessly to found and develop The King Center as a citadel for world peace. A well-known activist for many causes, she championed women's, workers' and gay rights and was a powerful international voice for nonviolence, freedom and human dignity. Coretta's is a love story, a family saga, and the memoir of an extraordinary black woman in twentieth-century America, a brave leader who, in the face of terrorism and violent hatred, stood committed, proud, forgiving, nonviolent, and hopeful every day of her life.

### ***A Woman's Place Is At The Top: A Biography of Annie Smith Peck, Queen of the Climbers***

Written by: Hannah Kimberley

When Annie Smith Peck climbed the Matterhorn in 1895 — at the age of 45 — she didn't win fame for her daring, but because she'd climbed while wearing pants. But the determined suffragist, political activist, and scholar wasn't about to let that stop her from climbing again. Peck became a world-renowned climber, an expert on North and South American relations, and even entered a race to climb Mount Coropuna just before her 60th birthday.... competing against Hiram Bingham, the inspiration for Indiana Jones. Despite her amazing achievements, few people know her name. But now, author Hannah Kimberley has dug into Peck's original letters and artifacts to create a new portrait of this courageous woman who was determined to see her way to the top.

### ***First Women: The Grace and Power of America's Modern First Ladies***

Written by: Kate Andersen Brower

Today, the First Lady of the United States is a complex and deeply underestimated role. She must be an inspiring leader of an agenda that she sets herself; a savvy politician; and a coordinator for the many services, special events, and activities at the White House. At the same time, she is constantly under scrutiny for her actions in both these capacities and as a wife and mother. In this fascinating book, Kate Andersen Brower draws on candid sources from friends to residence staff to political advisors to create a unique depiction of what First Ladies from Jacqueline Kennedy to Michelle Obama have faced in their life at the world's most powerful address. From tragic to heartwarming, these stories show a rarely-seen side of women in a prestigious, demanding, and often unappreciated role in American politics.

### ***The Princess Diarist***

Written by: Carrie Fisher

It's easy to forget that Carrie Fisher was just a teenager when she played the role of Princess Leia — one that would make her famous around the world. Last year, Fisher rediscovered the journals that she kept while filming *Star Wars: A New Hope*: journals full of love poems, naive musings, and all the excitement and anxiety of a girl with a hopeless crush on her older co-star. In this book, she reproduced pages of her journals, along with her modern look back at the strange experience of becoming iconic at such a young age. Thoughtful, hilarious, and introspective, this is a unique look at the young woman behind the Princess Leia buns — and the mature woman she became.

### ***Eleanor and Hick: The Love Affair That Shaped A First Lady***

Written by: Susan Quinn

In 1932, Franklin Roosevelt was taking the presidency, and Eleanor Roosevelt was about to step into the regimented role of First Lady. Then she met Lorena Hickok, a campaign reporter for the Associated Press, who would become a special figure in Roosevelt's life for over thirty years: a caring friend, a professional advisor, a lover, and more. The relationship was also a boon to the country: Hickok reported from the nation's poorest areas and Roosevelt used her reports to push her husband to support New Deal programs. And after FDR's death, it was Hickok who urged Roosevelt to use her own popularity to fight for those in need. This fascinating look at the relationship between a reporter and a First Lady highlights how the bond between these two women truly changed the world for the better. For many books about the pioneering Eleanor Roosevelt for young readers, visit our Eleanor Roosevelt Collection.

### ***Play Big: Lessons in Being Limitless from the First Woman to Coach in the NFL***

Written by: Dr. Jen Welter, Stephanie Krikorian

Jen Welter is used to being underestimated: from a young age, she was the undersized athlete who had to fight every step of the way to rise to the top of women's football... and then to play against the men. But in 2015, she took another big step: she became the linebacker's coach for the Arizona Cardinals, making her the first woman ever to coach in the NFL. In *Play Big* Welter uses her own story as an illustration of how you can overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles. With wit, wisdom, and the perspective that comes from looking back on a tough fight, she provides lessons on how to cultivate your own grit and perseverance and achieve your own goals.

### ***Scrappy Little Nobody***

Written by: Anna Kendrick

Anna Kendrick has made a name for herself on the big screen — and also for her clever, self-deprecating humor. In this collection of autobiographical essays, she reveals how an unusually small, weird, and "10 percent defiant" teenager who was determined to "keep the crazy inside my head where it belonged. Forever." became the woman who realized that the "crazy" was what made her special and successful. Her witty observations on absurd moments like flipping through a binder of butt doubles and "dating experiments" that included only liking boys who didn't like her back will make you laugh out loud! With just the right hint of seriousness in the midst of the fun anecdotes and wacky memories, this book provides an entertaining look at one of today's young stars.

### ***Fire on the Track: Betty Robinson and the Triumph of the Early Olympic Women***

Written by: Roseanne Montillo

At the 1928 Olympic Games, Betty Robinson took the starting position and won gold... and it was only her fourth-ever organized track meet. She had been spotted running for a train in rural Illinois; with no formal women's athletic system, her raw speed was still remarkable. After becoming the fastest woman in the world, though, a plane crash nearly killed her, and other women stepped forward to the Olympic starting blocks, including stars like Babe Didrikson and Stella Walsh, who proved to the world that women could achieve athletic feats that few thought them capable of. And then, a near miracle: Robinson went from fighting to walk to the 1936 Olympic team, once again inspiring the world of women's athletics. This fascinating, novelistic telling of the history of women athletes in the early Olympic Games highlights just how far the world of women's sports has come.

***Fastpitch: The Untold Story of Softball and the Women Who Made the Game***

Written by: Erica Westly

Tens of millions of athletes play fastpitch softball, and yet many people simply think of it as the "women's version" of American baseball. This book sheds new light on softball's 129-year history, from its invention in 1887 to the rise of professional-caliber teams in the 1940s and '50s. Because it was one of the few team sports women were allowed to play — and it allowed women athletes to make money and travel in a way that they could not have done before — softball has a unique place of importance in the story of women's athletics. This celebration of an often-overlooked sport teaches readers the names of the remarkable women who made up softball's history and its important place in both the past and present. Entertaining and inspiring, this book will make you want to pick up your own ball and bat and get playing!

***What Happened***

Written by: Hillary Rodham Clinton

Finally, free from the restrictions and scrutiny of life as a running politician, Hillary Clinton opens up about the 2016 election in this candid new memoir. From her experiences over years as a woman in politics, facing double-standards and constant criticism, to the challenge of running in one of the most polarizing, vicious elections in US history, to how she recovered from the devastating loss, Clinton reveals what it was like for her personally, as well as highlighting what her experiences say about our society. She also tackles the dangerous truths about external interference in the election and what it means for American democracy. Poignant, hard-hitting, and honest, this book is a must for anyone who cares about the future of American politics.

***Dust Bowl Girls: The Inspiring Story of the Team That Barnstormed Its Way to Basketball Glory***

Written by: Lydia Reeder

In the midst of the Great Depression, basketball coach Sam Babb offered hardworking young women a unique opportunity: free college education in exchange for playing on his basketball team. Together, they built the Cardinals, a team of talented newcomers whose passion for their sport and loyalty to their coach and one another helped them win time after time. Author Lydia Reeder tells a fascinating story about how these women defied common misconceptions about the inappropriateness and danger of competitive sports for women and fought their way to the top of their game.

life during the settlement of the Mississippi Delta.

***This Is Just My Face: Try Not To Stare***

Written by: Gabourey Sidibe

Gabourey Sidibe leapt onto the world stage after starring in 2009's acclaimed movie Precious, but that was just a part of her remarkable and unconventional life story. In this memoir, Sidibe writes about her unusual childhood as the daughter of a polygamous father and a gifted mother who sang in the subway to support her family; her first job as a phone sex "talker"; and the strange experience of rising to fame and standing next to fellow stars who owned private islands and giant mansions while she still lived in her mother's apartment. Along the way, Sidibe waves away the haters by celebrating herself and her own confidence that she can accomplish anything. Complete with funny and pointed observations on topics like friendship, race, and weight, this is a celebrity memoir that will delight anyone who loves the unique and different — and imagines what it would be like to achieve their own dreams.

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