

## MARCH 2022 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 2022 Women's History theme, "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope," is both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history. For more information visit <http://www.nwhp.org/>.

### International Women's Day – March 8

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 2022 International Women's Day, is "**#Break the Bias**", <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/Theme>. Whether deliberate or unconscious, bias makes it difficult for women to move ahead. Knowing that bias exists isn't enough, action is needed to level the playing field. Are you in? Will you actively call out gender bias, discrimination and stereotyping each time you see it? Will you help **break the bias**? Cross your arms to show solidarity.



### 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. Due to COVID-19, many of these events have been cancelled. For more information visit the Irish-American Heritage Month website at <http://irish-american.org/>.

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#### Democracy Now

**Day: Monday-Friday**

Time: 8:00 am – 9:00 am & 5:00 pm-6:00 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](http://www.democracynow.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. includes Alice, Elenor C., Lily, Rowan, Sicely, Finn, Eleanor M., Sophia, Aleric and Amara. They all go to Spokane Public Montessori elementary school. 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 as well as Celtic Brittany and Canada. Hosted by Don and Rick, on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

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Spanish language station. Oz 95.7.

**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>.

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

Time: 8:00 pm-10:00 pm

You will hear best in female vocalist/musicians. Hosted by Luscious Duchess, KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.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>.

**The Science of Poverty****Day: Saturday**

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Explores the topic of poverty. Hosted by Jesse Quintana, official Facebook site. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

**Sounds of Science****Day: Sunday**

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Lively discussion of what’s happening in the world of science, from how it is affecting our lives to the ways we are shaping it. Hosted by Blake, Amaya and Adam. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

**Welcome Home****Day: Thursday**

Time: 10:00 am – noon

A multi-genre roots based folk show. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

**Women’s Media Center Live**

**Day: Wednesday**

Time: noon – 1:00 pm

*WMC Live with Robin Morgan* tackles today’s hottest topics; whether it be sex, politics, art, humor, religion, culture, or news stories that go unreported, each is engaged regularly, insightfully, and intelligently. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

**Workin’ Woman Blues**

**Day: Sunday**

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Tunes to help you shake the blues out of your hair with a mix of Funk, R&B, Soul and Blues. Hosted by Jukebox Jennie. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

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**Gonzaga University Journal of Hate Studies – Call for Papers**

The *Journal of Hate Studies* is an international scholarly journal promoting the sharing of interdisciplinary ideas and research relating to the study of what hate is, where it comes from, and how to combat it. It presents cutting-edge essays, theory, and research that deepen the understanding of the development and expression of hate. Call for papers: Volume 18, Justice and Equity: Challenging Hate and Inspiring Hope. If you are involved with research and writing about issues relating to challenging hate and inspiring hope, we invite you to submit your work to this call for papers.

Date: Deadline is March 15, 2022

For more information, visit <https://jhs.press.gonzaga.edu/>.

**Spokane Queer Art Walk**

Open to all queer artists and performers of all medias and mediums to participate in this year’s Spokane Queer Art Walk on Jun3 3, 2022. There will be exhibits and events hosted citywide, and more information will be available closer to the event.

**Date: Deadline is March 31, 2022**

For more information, <https://spokanearts.org/opportunities/add-yourself-to-the-artist-roster/>, or email [mika@spokanearts.org](mailto:mika@spokanearts.org).

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**Life After Prison: The Prison-to-School Pipeline**

You may have heard stories about tragic outcomes related to the “school-to-prison pipeline.” In this discussion, Omari Amili introduces new possibilities and challenges fear-based narratives through his exploration of a potential new pipeline that runs from prison to college.

While sharing his story and exploring the history of mass incarceration, especially in Washington State, Omari explores how society as a whole benefit when people pursue higher education after incarceration.

Omari Amili (he/him) is an author, speaker, and community organizer. Since his release from prison in 2008, he earned a master’s degree from the University of Washington Tacoma, where his research focused on the benefits of college education for formerly incarcerated people. Amili lives in Spanaway.

**Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2022**

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-life-after-prison-the-prison-to-school-pipeline-4/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Edmonds Library,

### **Should We Build “Better” Humans**

Should we use biotechnology to make humans “better?” Gene editing, pharmaceuticals, and computer tissue implants, among other interventions, will soon be used not just to treat problems, but to enhance human abilities. Everything from our physical capacities to our emotions, intelligence, and personalities could soon be enhanced or altered according to our wants—or the wants of others.

How might biomedical enhancement reshape humans and society? Should we support and prioritize this research? What are the ethical questions that we as individuals and a society need to answer? Join Bill Kabasenche, professor of philosophy, for a discussion on what defines humanity, and how technology could change that forever.

Bill Kabasenche (he/him) is a professor of philosophy at Washington State University’s School of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs. He has written about the use of pharmaceutical and genetic interventions to enhance human capacities for memory, moral behavior, and athletic performance. Kabasenche lives in Pullman

**Date: Wednesday, March 2, 2022**

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-should-we-build-better-humans-2/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Walla Walla Community College Library.

### **Black Violin**

Black Violin is led by classically trained string players Wil B. (viola) and Kev Marcus (violin). Joining them onstage are DJ SPS and drummer Nat Stokes. The band uses their unique blend of classical and hip-hop music, often described as ‘classical boom,’ to overcome stereotypes and encourage people of all ages, races, and economic backgrounds to join together to break down cultural barriers.

**Date: Thursday, March 3, 2022**

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Martin Woldson Theater at the Fox, 1001 W Sprague Ave.

Cost: \$35.00-85.00

For more information, visit <https://foxtheaterspokane.org/events/fox-presents/fox-presents-black-violin/> or call 509.624.1200. Face mask required.

### **2022 Education Assessment Conference— Establishing a New Normal: Advances in Norm Development to Address Issues of Bias and Equity - Gonzaga University**

Psychoeducational assessment continues to remain a staple for school psychological practice around the country. Moreover, psychoeducational assessment is used for diagnostic and educational decision-making and must be conducted with compassion, care, and adherence to testing guidelines to ensure practitioners obtain reliable and valid results. The Annual Assessment Conference invites some of the biggest names in psychoeducational assessment in the country to deliver state-of-the-art professional development. The primary audience is school psychologists, which includes school psychology candidates in preparation programs throughout the state. Additionally, other professionals also attend the event such as special education teachers, learning specialists, educational evaluators, and the like.

**Date: Friday, March 4, 2022**

Location: Hemmingson Center Ballroom (3<sup>rd</sup> floor), Gonzaga University

Time: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Cost: Free - \$150 based on student/staff/faculty/community member status. Two meals (breakfast and lunch), and a gift from Gonzaga University’s School of Education will be provided.

For more information contact [terrell@gonzaga.edu](mailto:terrell@gonzaga.edu) or <https://www.gonzaga.edu/news-events/events/2022/3/4/establishing-a-new-normal>.

### **2022 Virtual Fig Tree Lunch Benefit – Spreading Seeds of Hope**

The Fig Tree publishes a newspaper 10-months a year in print and on-line. Also publishes the annual comprehensive Resource Directory and Annual Resource Directory for people in need, in transition to improve their lives, in engaging in the community and in giving back. Features stories of people who make a difference.

**Date: Friday, March 4, 2022**

Time: Groups 1`1:30 am, sign in 11:45 am program 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm

Location: Virtual – You Tube Live

Cost: Free. guests will be invited to donate to support The Fig Tree

For more information and to RSVP, call 509.4112 or 509.535.1813

Cost: Guests will be invited to donate to support The Fig Tree at

<https://facebook.com/donate/513940016715141/>.

For more information and to rsvp, email [event@thefigtree.org](mailto:event@thefigtree.org).

### **MMIW Art Show: No More Stolen Sisters - Gonzaga University**

In an effort to raise awareness, to the current and ongoing issue of thousands of currently open, unsolved cases of MMIW (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Persons) throughout the US and Canada (107 of which are in Washington State and 17 of which are from Spokane and the surrounding area), a united collective of local Native American speakers and artists, gathered by guest curator Jeff Ferguson, will share their works of traditional and contemporary arts and research.

Participating speakers include: Donell Barlow - Ottawa Tribe/Otter Clan; Margo Hill – Spokane; Paulette Jordan - Coeur d'Alene; Idella King - Northern Arapaho; and Patsy Whitefoot Yakama/Dine'. Participating artists include: LeAnne Campbell - Coeur d'Alene; Nahaan FastfromEnglish – Tlingit; Jeff Ferguson – Spokane; Ric Gendron – Colville; Helen Goodteacher - Nez Perce; Cheryl Grunlose – Colville; Jacob Johns - Hopi/Gila River Pima; Dave Madera – Spokane; Roin Morigeau - Flathead Salish; Annette Peone - Coeur d'Alene; Tanisha Rattler - Northern Arapaho; Shane Ridley Stevens - Te-Moak; Charlene Teters – Spokane; Jessiray Wheeler – Colville; Chad Yellowjohn – Spokane; and Lone YellowJohn - Shoshone Bannock.

**Date: Friday, March 4 - 26, 2022**

Time: 5:00 pm, opening reception on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Gallery hours: Friday, 4:00 pm-7:00 pm and Saturday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: Gonzaga University Urban Arts Center (GUUAC), in downtown Spokane located on the third floor of 125 S. Stevens

Cost: Free, part of First Friday

For more information contact [art@gonzaga.edu](mailto:art@gonzaga.edu). Sponsored by Gonzaga Native American Studies Department, Eastern WA University, End the Violence Coalition, and Counting Coup Media.

### **Mardi Bras Drive Through Party**

Donations for Transitions (Women's Hearth) and Volunteers of America (Hope House) includes new bras, socks, underwear, tampons, and bus passes. Other items listed on their website (see below) from Amazon.

**Date: Saturday, March 5, 2022**

Location: Hope House, 318 South Adams

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Cost: Items purchases for Transitions and Volunteers of America

For addition dates and locations visit <https://help4women.org/spokane-mardi-bras/> or Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/spokanemardibras/>

### **Spokane Buddhist Temple Services**

The weekly Shin Buddhist Service, hosted by Reverend Melissa Opel and Minister Assistants Chad Donoho and Eric Kerkove.

**Dates: Sundays, March 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2022**

Time: 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Location: Spokane Buddhist Temple, 927 S Perry Street

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at <https://spokanebuddhisttemple.org>

### **After the Blast: Mount St. Helens 40 Years Later**

On May 18, 1980, the world watched in awe as Mount St. Helens erupted, killing 57 people and causing hundreds of square miles of destruction. Everyone thought it would take ages for life to return to the mountain, but scientists who visited soon after were stunned to find plants sprouting up through the ash and animals skittering around downed trees.

Ecologists have since spent decades studying life's resilience in the face of seemingly total devastation. Through their work, the eruption of Mount St. Helens has become known as the greatest natural experiment in Pacific Northwest history. In this talk, Eric Wagner takes you on a journey through the blast zone. He explores not just the surprising ways plants and animals survived the eruption, but also the complex roles that people have played, all while showing how fascinating Mount St. Helens still is 40 years after the blast.

Eric Wagner (he/him) is a writer and biologist. He holds a PhD in biology from the University of Washington, where he studied penguins. He is the author of three books, including *After the Blast: The Ecological Recovery of Mount St. Helens*. Wagner lives in Seattle.

**Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2022**

Time: 10:00 am

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-after-the-blast-mount-st-helens-40-years-later-6/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by TSO (TELOS Student Organization).

### **Changing Our Minds: The Ethics of Brain Enhancement**

A wave of new technologies could allow us to become smarter, calmer, happier—even more ethical. Gene editing, pharmaceuticals, and computer tissue implants could provide our brains with an upgrade. But should they? Most of us feel uneasy with the idea of artificially enhancing the human brain, yet many of us drink coffee to focus, drink alcohol to be more social, and meditate to calm our mind. What makes one method more acceptable and the other less? Is technology simply the next logical step?

Join us for a conversation on the future of the human mind. Could brain-enhancing technologies allow more people to become who they want to be? Or will they cause greater inequities, particularly if the technologies are accessible mainly to the wealthy? What would it mean to have your brain functioning altered, perhaps permanently, by a corporation? What are the ethical implications—individually and societally—for creating a new kind of mind?

Featuring William Kabasenche (he/him), philosophy professor at Washington State University and Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau member; Timothy Emmanuel Brown (he/him), assistant professor in bioethics and the humanities at the University of Washington; and Sara Goering (she/her), philosophy professor at the University of Washington.

**Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2022**

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-changing-our-minds-the-ethics-of-brain-enhancement/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Humanities Washington. For accommodation requests, please get in touch with Asia Lara at [asia@humanities.org](mailto:asia@humanities.org). Please submit requests at least seven days in advance if possible

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**Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2022**

Time: Zoom Groups 7:30 am, sign in 7:45 am, program 8:00 am – 8:45 am

Location: Virtual – Zoom

Cost: Free, guests will be invited to donate to support The Fig Tree

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### **Women Lead In-Person or Virtual Conference 2022 – Gonzaga University**

Join us for our Spring 2022 in-person or virtual conference! Whether you are a woman in leadership, working your way to becoming a leader, or simply want to support women's right to equality in the workplace, we hope you join us for a day of inspirational speakers, skill-building workshops and empowering discussions. Speakers: Sandy Williams, Editor and Publisher of *The Black Lens*; Sr. Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking*. Presented Deanna Davis; and workshops.

**Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2022**

Time: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Location: In-Person in the Hemmingson Center, Gonzaga University or Virtual to be held online

Cost: \$189.00 in person, \$99.00 virtual conference, includes all speakers and workshops

For more information and to register, email [womenlead@gonzaga.edu](mailto:womenlead@gonzaga.edu). Visitors to campus are required to have proof of COVID vaccination or negative COVID test.

### **SCC Hagan Center Speaker Series: Naomi Shihab Nye**

Naomi Shihab Nye describes herself as a “wandering poet.” She has spent more than 40 years traveling the country and the world to lead writing workshops and inspiring students of all ages. Nye was born to a Palestinian father and an American mother and grew up in St. Louis, Jerusalem, and San Antonio. Drawing on her Palestinian-American heritage, the cultural diversity of her home in Texas, and her experiences traveling in Asia, Europe, Canada, Mexico, and the Middle East, Nye uses her writing to attest to our shared humanity.

She has been affiliated with The Michener Center for writers at the University of Texas at Austin for 20 years and also poetry editor at The Texas Observer for 20 years. In 2019-2020 she was the editor for New York Times Magazine poems.

**Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2022**

Time: 1:00 pm (virtual poetry workshop on Zoom) and 6:30 pm will be an interview, followed by Q/A

Location: Watch at [scc.spokane.edu/live](http://scc.spokane.edu/live).

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit <https://scc.spokane.edu/News-Events/Live-Events>.

### **An Appetite for Film: Food in the Movies**

A film can build tension through editing, just like a simmering stew builds flavor through a slow dance between ingredients. Putting food and film together, however, opens movie lovers up to a slew of wonderful experiences and shared memories. Food can help us to identify with characters who bond over meals, explore ideas about identity and belonging, or make a romantic tale more seductive.

Join film historian John Trafton to explore the complex relationship between food and film throughout history, and how this relationship continues to impact our cultural landscape. Take a deep dive into how movies from *The Gold Rush* and *Get Out* to *Parasite* and *Pan's Labyrinth* use food to reveal hidden messages and enhance our experience. John Trafton (he/him) teaches film and media history at Seattle University and for the Seattle International Film Festival's Education program. Trafton lives in Seattle.

**Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 | Saturday, March 26, 2022**

Time: 5:30 pm | 2:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-an-appetite-for-film-food-in-the-movies-3/> | <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-an-appetite-for-film-food-in-the-movies-5/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by King County Library System.

### **Hispanic Business / Professional Association (HBPA) Monthly Meeting**

Speaker (Sabes Que): Sam Smith, director of Immigrant Legal Aid at Manzanita House, Gonzaga University Law School.

**Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2022**

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7077061649?pwd=MFNya01JK0ttZFF2Smp3azM0BVVCQT09>.

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at [www.hbpaofspokane.org](http://www.hbpaofspokane.org).

### **Biased Code: Technology and Human Rights**

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Time: 6:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-biased-code-technology-and-human-rights/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by The Westport Timberland Library.

### **One Second of Hate: A Story of Forgiveness**

"Where are you from?", his attacker asked before shooting Rais Bhuiyan during a killing spree in Texas shortly after 9/11. The attacker, a white supremacist, had been hunting for "Arabs" and perceived Muslims, though not one of his victims turned out to be from the Middle East. Despite being shot in the face, Bhuiyan survived, but two other victims did not.

Remarkably, not only did Bhuiyan forgive his attacker, but he also spent months trying to save him from death row. In the process, his attacker, a man named Mark Stroman, renounced his white supremacist beliefs and expressed deep regret for his fatal actions. In his final words before his execution in 2011, Stroman said, "One second of hate will cause a lifetime of pain."

Our stories have the power to connect, inspire, heal, and even save lives. As divisiveness continues to permeate our communities, Bhuiyan shares his story of resilience and reconciliation. Stories can help us replace ignorance with understanding, fear with acceptance, and hate with empathy—all pathways toward a more equitable, just, and peaceful society.

Rais Bhuiya (he/him) is the founder of World Without Hate, a nonprofit focused on preventing and disrupting hate and violence and restoring peace and understanding through storytelling and empathy. His story is chronicled in *The True American: Murder & Mercy in Texas* by Anand Giridharadas. Bhuiyan lives in Seattle.

**Date: Thursday, March 10, 2022**

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-one-second-of-hate-a-story-of-forgiveness-5/> or <https://sclcd.evanced.info/signup/list?df=list&nd=150&kw=Humanities>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Spokane County Library District.



### **Achieving Health Equity: This Too Is Our Lane, Structural Racism in Health Care**

Dr. Issaka is a gastroenterologist at the University of Washington. An African American, she has spoken publicly about how structural racism in medicine has harmed both doctors and patients. This lecture would be part of the bio-ethics symposium organized with Aaron Putzke. Dr. Issaka will speak via Zoom.

**Date: Thursday, March 10, 2022**

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Weyerhaeuser Hall, Robinson Teaching Theatre, Whitworth University

Cost: Free

For more information visit

<https://www.whitworth.edu/calendar/master/detailsview.aspx?EventID=30037&Date=3/10/2022> or email [kdawson@whitworth.edu](mailto:kdawson@whitworth.edu).

### **42<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade**

This event is open for total community involvement. Regardless of race, creed or color, everyone has just that wee bit of Irish that comes out in full spirit, whether you're a dyed-in-the-wool Irish person or just Irish-for-the-day, this is one event you won't want to miss.

**Date: Saturday, March 12, 2022**

Time: 12:00 pm (noon)

Location: Downtown Spokane

Cost: Free

For more information, visit <http://www.friendlysonsofstpatrick.com/> or email [friendlysonsofspokane@gmail.com](mailto:friendlysonsofspokane@gmail.com).

### **KPBX Kids' Concert Special Encore Broadcast**

Dance to the rollicking music of Floating Crowbar. Celtic fans and dancers of all ages can frolic to the sounds of western Ireland with music from Floating Crowbar. Relive the magic of years past with a medley of performances hosted by Verne Windham. Move the furniture and prepare to dance like a leprechaun or your favorite step dancer. Floating Crowbar plays authentic jigs, reels and horn pipes that serves as the soundtrack for this wicked annual dance party!

**Date: Saturday, March 12, 2022**

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Stream on-line at <https://www.spokanepublicradio.org>.

Cost: Free

For more information, visit <https://www.spokanepublicradio.org/2022-01-25/kpbx-kids-concert-celtic-dance-party-with-floating-crowbar-march-12-at-1-pm>.

### **The Samurai Code: How Bushido changes Lives**

Bushido—the way of the warrior—is the code of ethics practiced by the samurai warriors of ancient Japan, a code which includes courage, integrity, benevolence, respect, honesty, honor, and loyalty.

Through her own story of using Bushido to overcome a traumatic brain injury, Lori Tsugawa Whaley shows how the code can help people find hope, resilience, and fulfillment in our rapidly changing world. She explores examples of ancient warriors like Tomoe Gozen and Saigo Takamori, as well as modern-day samurai warriors like the Japanese Americans who survived incarceration during World War II. She shows how Bushido instilled a determination and perseverance in Japanese society that remains evident to this day.

Lori Tsugawa Whaley (she/her) is a third-generation Japanese American and descendant of a samurai warrior. She is an author, speaker, life coach, and storyteller, and is passionate about sharing the code of Bushido. Whaley lives near Gig Harbor.

**Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 | Monday, March 21, 2022**

Time: 6:30 pm | 6:30 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below: For more information and to register, visit

<https://www.humanities.org/event/online-the-samurai-code-how-bushido-changes-lives-5/> |

<https://www.humanities.org/event/online-the-samurai-code-how-bushido-changes-lives-4/>. Sponsored by

humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Snohomish -Sno-Isle Libraries | Spokane Public Libraries (library card not required for registration).

### **What I Learned from My #MeTooJourney**

As long as there have been men in positions of political power, there have been young women working for them who face harassment in the workplace. While we know sexual harassment happens in many industries and professions, there seems to be a preponderance of such stories around elected officials. And in the days and weeks that follow a new story breaking, part of the narrative often includes victim blaming, both by the elected officials and their supporters.

Looking back 30 years after working for Senator Bob Packwood from Oregon, Lauri Hennessey recounts what she learned in the halls of the nation's capital and asks why there are still so many stories about politicians and the women who work for them.

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**Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Whitworth University.

Cost: Free

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/in-person-what-i-learned-from-my-metoo-journey/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Whitworth University.

### **Will the 2020s Roar like the 1920s?**

A pandemic, protests, and economic jolts ushered in the so-called "Roaring Twenties." Americans adjusted in ways both innovative and counterproductive. What lessons from the 1920s can we apply to our own looming 20s?

Historian William Woodward charts the eerily familiar developments of a century ago: shattered idealism, social clashes, domestic terrorism, culture wars, disorienting technologies, and fearsome disease. How might stories from a particular moment in the past—one with remarkable parallels to the present—shed light on ways for us to move forward? As the 2020s unfold, what conversations should we have?

William Woodward (he/him) is an award-winning professor of American and Pacific Northwest history at Seattle Pacific University. His teaching, research, and writing focus on iconic elements of regional and national culture, including the Woodward lives in Seattle.

**Date: Saturday, March 19, 2022**

Time: 10:00 am

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-will-the-2020s-roar-like-the-1920s-3/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by American Association of University Women.

### **NAACP General Membership Meeting**

**Date: Monday, March 21, 2022**

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: On-line via Zoom

Cost: Free, meeting open to everyone.

For more information email [lgbtq@gonzaga.edu](mailto:lgbtq@gonzaga.edu).

### **Transgender Leader Panel**

Join a panel of transgender leaders discuss their experiences, approach to community leadership, and advice for future leaders.

**Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2022**

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: Humanities 153, Gonzaga University

Cost: Free

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.gonzaga.edu/news-events/events/2022/3/22/transgender-leader-panel>.

### **Telling Your Story: A Personal Essay Workshop**

Our life stories are a means for connection—a tender offering in a troubled era. Part reportage and part reflection, personal essays can reveal hidden truths about ourselves, our families, and our societies.

In this interactive and generative writing workshop, Kristen Millares Young will help participants tell their own stories. Available in English and Spanish, each hourlong session will begin with a one-page reading to inspire group discussion, followed by timed prompts that guide individual writing sessions. With plans for a bilingual statewide anthology focused on marginalized voices. Young invites participants to submit what they've written in response to her teaching. By weaving together community narratives, we can craft a vision for our future that includes hope and the capacity for unexpected change.

Kristen Millares Young (she/her) is a prize-winning journalist, essayist, and teacher. Named a *Paris Review* staff pick, her novel *Subduction* was a finalist for Foreword Indies Book of the Year and two International Latino Book Awards. The editor of *Seismic* and a former Prose Writer-in-Residence at Hugo House, Young was the *New York Times* researcher for "Snow Fall," which won a Pulitzer Prize. Young lives in Seattle.

**Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2022**

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-telling-your-story-a-personal-essay-workshop-5/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Newcastle Library.

### **Diamonds in the Rough: The Gentrification of Rural Washington**

Washington's rural communities are rapidly changing. Formerly reliant on working-class industries like mining, oil, and agriculture, an influx of wealthy amenities, outdoor recreation, and cultural activities. But in doing so, these newcomers are causing new inequalities.

Jennifer Sherman, will discuss both the glaring and the hidden effects of rural gentrification. Through the lens of a rural Washington community, Sherman explains how "class blindness" protects those with more privilege from fully recognizing social class inequalities. She advocates for the importance of getting to know the neighbors who are least like us so that we can minimize destructive social divides together.

Jennifer Sherman (she/her) is a professor of sociology at Washington State University. Her qualitative research focuses on poverty and inequality, mainly in the rural Northwest. Sherman lives in Moscow, ID.

**Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2022 | Sunday, March 27, 2022**

Time: 5:30 pm | 1:30 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below.

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-diamonds-in-the-rough-the-gentrification-of-rural-washington-5/> | <https://www.humanities.org/event/in-person-diamonds-in-the-rough-the-gentrification-of-rural-washington/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/> Hosted by Okanogan Land Trust | Harstine Island Community Club.

### **40<sup>th</sup> Annual 2022 Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon**

Recipients of the 2022 Women of Achievement awards are celebrated at this luncheon which has evolved into YWCA Spokane's largest and most critical annual fundraising event. In addition to honoring amazing women and learning about the mission and impact of YWCA Spokane, we will be inspired by keynote Admiral Michelle Howard (retired). All proceeds raised support YWCA Spokane's critical services for domestic violence victims and their children, including emergency shelter, counseling, legal services, job readiness, child care, and Pre-K programs for low-income children.

**Date: Thursday, March 24, 2022**

Time: 11:30 pm – 1:00 pm

Location: The Davenport Grand, 333 W Spokane Falls Blvd

Cost: \$135 individual ticket, \$1250 Table Captain, \$2000 minimum for Corporate Table (see website for specific details)

For more information, visit [https://ywcaspokane.org/event/woa2022/?instance\\_id=537](https://ywcaspokane.org/event/woa2022/?instance_id=537).

### **How Audio Technology Changes the World**

Although we live in a visual world, audio still has the power to create intimacy and spark the imagination like no other medium can. Veteran broadcaster Ross Reynolds explores the impact that audio transmission has had on society and storytelling, beginning with the first century of radio up to the modern age of audiobooks, internet streaming, podcasts, and smart speakers. How has audio transmission changed society, and what makes it such a still powerful form of communication?

Attendees will be encouraged to share stories of their formative audio experiences, and local radio broadcasters and podcasters will be invited to share their stories. Ross Reynolds (he/him) is KUOW's executive producer for community engagement, before which he was a program host for 16 years. Reynolds lives in Seattle.

**Date: Thursday, March 24, 2022**

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below.

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-how-audio-technology-changed-the-world-8/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by The Pierce County Library System.

### **The Art of Rebellion: Social Justice and Chicana/Chicano Visual Arts**

How has art been used to mobilize communities and disseminate messages of social justice? Is art just a commodity that is only accessible to the elite? How has the idea of "art for the people" shifted the way we look at art?

In this talk, Chicano artist Jake Prendez traces the history of social justice art, from the rise of Mexican muralism to its influence on American artwork from the civil rights era and the modern era. Explore how the means of production and new technologies made art accessible worldwide, and join Prendez as he deconstructs his own artwork to show how it relates to this greater narrative.

Jake Prende (he/him) is a renowned Chicano artist, and the owner and co-director of the Nepantla Cultural Arts Gallery in Seattle. His work is an amalgamation of his life experiences—a representation of his Chicano background and a reflection of his time living in both Seattle and Los Angeles.

**Date: Thursday, March 24, 2022**

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-the-art-of-rebellion-social-justice-and-chicana-chicano-visual-arts-2/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Whatcom County Library.

### **What I Learned from My #MeTooJourney**

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**Date: Tuesday, March 29, 2022**

Time: 12:00 pm (noon)

Location: Online

Cost: Free

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-what-i-learned-from-my-metoo-journey/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Washington State Department of Enterprise Services.

### **Laughing Matters: Asian Americans, Comedy, and Inclusion**

When we want to learn about the past, we turn to history books. When we want to learn how the past continues to live within us, we can turn to humor. While everyone finds different things funny, we all have experienced laughter as a signal of who belongs, and who does not. Who laughs, and who is laughed at, matters. For many Asian Americans, everyday laughter carries past laws and cultural practices aimed at excluding people of Asian descent into the present.

Using clips of comedians and cartoons, Professor Michelle Liu explores how Asian Americans have experimented with humor to change patterns of belonging that everyone living in the United States has inherited. Join Liu to better understand the ways laughter can help us connect with each other and share how humor has shaped your understanding of inclusion.

Michelle Liu (she/her) is a professor of English and the associate director of writing programs at the University of Washington. She specializes in writing and exploring ideas about identity, history, emotion, and storytelling. She earned her PhD in American Studies from Yale. Liu lives in Seattle.

**Date: Tuesday, March 29, 2022**

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-laughing-matters-asian-americans-comedy-and-inclusion-3/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Sno-Isle Libraries.

### **Northwest Passages Book Club: Sasha LaPointte**

Sasha LaPointte discusses her book *Red Paint: The Ancestral Autobiography of a Coast Salish Punk* in conversation with Emma Noyes.

**Date: Tuesday, March 29, 2022**

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Montvale Event Center, 1017W First Ave

Cost: \$6.00

For more information visit, <https://www.spokesman.com/northwest-passages/> or 509.459.5400. Masks and proof of vaccination required – requirements may change prior to event.

### **Housing Affordability: Understanding this Important Issue**

Guest Speakers: Darin Davidson, President, Inland Group, Spokane, WA; Spencer Gardner, Director, planning Services, City of Spokane; Christopher M. Patterson, Community Solutions Advisor, Washington Trust Bank; and Fawn Schott, President/CEO, VOA, Spokane, WA. Moderator - Adriane Leithauser, Lecturer, Business Ethics at Gonzaga University.

**Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2022**

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Wolff Auditorium, Jepson Center, Gonzaga University

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information and/or RSVP register, <https://www.gonzaga.edu/news-events/events/2022/3/30/affordable-housing-2022>,

**Spiritual Resistance to Race-Related Sexual Violence: Black and Native Perspectives**

Racism and sexual violence are interconnected problems in American history. The rape, abuse, and sexual exploitation of women and men of color by white supremacist agents and institutions has wounded countless bodies and souls and caused intergenerational trauma. In this talk, Dr. Andrew Prevot, associate professor of theology at Boston College, explores ways that African American and Native American communities have drawn on Christian and indigenous spiritual traditions to resist this violence. He argues that spirituality plays an important role in struggles for racial and sexual justice by helping those who are suffering access deep reserves of strength, freedom, and love. Dr. Jack Downey, John Henry Newman Chair in Roman Catholic Studies at the University of Rochester, will offer a response.

**Date: Thursday, March 31, 2022**

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: Hemmingson Ballroom, Gonzaga University

Cost: Free

For more information and/or register, email [brownk@gonzaga.edu](mailto:brownk@gonzaga.edu) or call 313.509.6112.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**2022 Get Lit! Festival**

In-person festival that also features many virtual events. Events will be presented at multiple venues across Spokane and Coeur d'Alene including The Hive, The Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture, Spokane Falls Community College, North Idaho College, The Catalyst, The Bing Crosby Theater, and The Montvale Event Center.

**Date: April 21-24, 2022**

Time: various

Location: In-person and on-line

Cost: \$15 for Saturday/Sunday daytime events at the Montvale Event Center. Many events are free, including all events on Thursday, April 21, 2022.

For more visit <https://inside.ewu.edu/getlit/2022-festival-information/>.

**27th 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 12, 2022**

Time: 5:00 pm, doors open

Location: Spokane Community College

Cost: Free

For more information email [hbpacceremony@gmail.com](mailto:hbpacceremony@gmail.com), visit their website at [www.hbpaofspokane.org](http://www.hbpaofspokane.org).

If you know of diversity/cultural event open to the public that you would like added to the monthly calendar, please email Yvonne C. Montoya Zamora at [yvonnecmz04@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnecmz04@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 2022 National/International Cultural Celebrations**

**March 1 Martenitza – 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 wear the yarn designs n their clothing until they see a stock or a blossoming tree.

**March 1**

**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.

**Independence Day - Bosnia & Herzegovina**

Yearly celebration of their independence from the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in 1992.

**Alá – Bahá'í**

19-day fast begins through March 19. The nineteenth and final month in the Baha'i calendar and the time of the 19-day fast in preparation of their new year, Now Ruz. The English translation of Alá (Arabic) is loftiness.

**Shivrati - 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 for worship.

**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.

**Pancake Tuesday – UK**

Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras in French which means Fat Tuesday) is the last day before the beginning of Lent. Strict Christian Lenten rules prohibited the eating of all dairy products during Lent, so pancakes were made to use up their supplies of eggs, milk, butter and other fats. Pancake races are held in many parts of England.

**Carnaval Parade - Brazil**

A two-day celebration before Ash Wednesday. It is called the Mardi Gras in Brazil. Celebrated the day before lent.

**March 2**

**Ash Wednesday (Lent begins) – 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.

**March 3**

**Losar (New Year) – Tibet, Buddhist**

The Tibetan New Year is called Losar and is celebrated for three days by visiting, feasting, and the relaxation of monastic discipline.

**March 4**

**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 6**

**Independence Day - Ghana**

Commemorates the date in 1957 when the Gold Coast became an independent member of the British Commonwealth.

- March 6**      **Waitangi Day – New Zealand (aka Maori Waitangi Day)**  
 This day commemorates the signing of a treaty at Waitangi on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1840 by a group of Maori chiefs and the British Government. It honors the rights of the British Crown and also the rights of the Maori people which are now in the process of begin reclaimed.
- March 7**      **Clean Monday (Great Lent Begins) – Christian – Coptic and Eastern Orthodox**  
 It is the beginning of the of the forty-day fast when Christians imitate Jesus’ withdrawal into the wilderness before his crucifixion.
- Great Prayer Festival - Tibet**  
 Monks from the Three Great Monasteries of Tibet assemble in Jikhang to pray to Shakyamuni’s image as it were the Living Buddha. Philosophical debates are held among the candidates for the Doctor of Metaphysics.
- March 8**      **International Women’s Day - UN**  
 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 2022 International Women's Day, is “#Break the Bias”. <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/Theme..> Whether deliberate or unconscious, bias makes it difficult for women to move ahead. Knowing that bias exists isn’t enough, action is needed to level the playing field. Are you in? Will you actively call out gender bias, discrimination and stereotyping each time you see it? Will you help **break the bias**? Cross your arms to show solidarity.
- March 12**      **Girl Scout Day – USA, Canada**  
 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.
- National Day – Mauritius**  
 Celebrates the day of independence from the UK in 1968.
- March 13**      **Daylight Savings Time Begins -USA**  
 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.
- Mothering Sunday – UK, Ireland**  
 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.
- March 15**      **Memorial Day - Hungary**  
 Commemorates the 1848 day of movement toward independence from the Austrian Empire.
- Clean Monday (Great Lent Begins)-Christian-Coptic, Eastern Orthodox**  
 It is the beginning of the forty-day fast when Christians imitate Jesus’ withdrawal into the wilderness before his crucifixion.
- March 16**      **Gahambar Hamaspathmaedem (March 16-20) - Zoroastrian**  
 This day celebrates the creation of human beings.



- March 17**      **St. Patrick's Day – N. Ireland/Ireland/USA**  
 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.
- 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 gifts of food to each other.
- March 18**      **Flag Day - Aruba**  
 The flag of Aruba was officially adopted on March 18, 1976, along with the official anthem.
- Butter Lamp Festival – (Tibet), Buddhist**  
 Shakyamuni's victory over non-Buddhist opponents in 1409. Lord Neu Dzong, a noted patron of Tsongkapa, illuminated numerous butter lumps.
- 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.
- March 19**      **St. Joseph's Day – Christian**  
 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.
- Hola Mohalla (Bikarami) - Sikh**  
 Mock battles are fought and martial arts are displayed in honor of Guru Gobind Sing, who took to armed struggle against tyranny.
- March 20**      **Spring Equinox – International**  
 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.

- March 20**      **Poutuerangi - Indigenous/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.
- Day of the Francophone**  
 Celebrates the French language and Francophone culture.
- March 21**      **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.
- 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.
- Now Ruz (New Year) – Afghanistan, Iran, Bahá’í, Islam, Ismaili, Zoroastrian**  
 Nowruz means “New Day” and is the traditional celebration of the ancient Persian New year. Persians (Iranians, Afghans and Tajiks) and other Indo-Iranian groups (Kurds, Armenians, Azarbaijanis and Balochs) start preparing for the Nowruz with a major spring-cleaning of their house 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 thirteenth day families leave their homes and picnic outdoors.
- 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.
- Evangelismou - Greece**  
 The Greeks combined the national Independence Day with the Annunciation and what was earlier believed to be the spring equinox. Greeks wear traditional clothes and celebrate with speeches and folk dancing.
- 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.

March 26

**Independence Day – Bangladesh**

Commemorates the independence of Bangladesh in 1971.

**Kuhio Day - Hawai'i (Holiday celebrated Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>)**

A state holiday, it celebrates Prince Kuhio birthday in 1871. Prince Kuhio is remembered for actively promoting Hawaiian culture and getting Congress to pass the 1920 Hawaiian Homes Act, providing homesteads for native Hawaiians.

Source: Diversity/Cultural Celebrations from Creative Cultural Communications 2022 Diversity Calendar.

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**Stories of Mighty Women – Biographies for Adult Readers**

On A Mighty Girl, they feature thousands of books for children and teens about smart, confident, and courageous girls and women, but they are often asked for reading recommendations for adults about inspiring women of the past and present. To that end, in this blog post, they share their favorite biographies for older teen and adult readers about Mighty Women that were released in either hardcover or paperback in 2018/2019. 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.

***A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II***

Written by Sonia Purnell

In 1942 France, a mysterious spy known as the "Limping Lady" was a linchpin for the French Resistance – the Gestapo called her "the most dangerous of all Allied spies." Her name, unknown to the Germans, was Virginia Hall. She was the daughter of a well-off Baltimore family turned Special Operations Executive agent, and her distinctive limp was from a prosthetic leg that most people believed would trap her behind a secretary's desk. Author Sonia Purnell explores the full story behind Hall's life, illuminating her determination and her wartime heroism. Fast-paced, thrilling, and meticulously researched, this biography of Hall is better than any fictional spy story.

***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.

***Code Name: Lise. The True Story of the Woman Who Became WWII's Most Highly Decorated Spy***

Written by Larry Loftis

After Odette Sansom decides to become an SOE agent in the midst of World War II, she parachutes into occupied France and meets her commanding officer, Captain Peter Churchill. The indomitable pair discover soul mates in one another, falling in love as they race to evade Hugo Bleicher, the German secret police sergeant who pursues them at every turn. When Bleicher finally captures them, they face prison in Paris, then torture in concentration camps in Germany, but their courage — and love — sustains them through seemingly unbeatable horror. Full of thrilling twists and turns and a heart-pounding romance, Sansom's true story is a tribute to the human capacity to overcome.

***First: Sandra Day O'Connor***

Written by Evan Thomas

Sandra Day O'Connor may have graduated near the the top of her Stanford law school class, but in 1952, no law firm would even interview her. Determined to shatter every glass ceiling she encountered, O'Connor became the first female majority leader in a state senate. As a judge on the Arizona Court of Appeals, she proved her willingness to uphold and humanize the law. Once she was appointed the first female justice on the United States Supreme Court, she became a key decision maker in many of America's most important legal cases. This personal and poignant look at a woman who was used to being first at almost everything she did will inspire anyone who wants to ignore the naysayers and take the lead.

***Madame Fourcade's Secret War, The Daring Young Woman Who Led France's Largest Spy Network Against Hitler***

Written by Lynne Olson

In 1941, 31-year-old Marie-Madeleine Fourcade, a young, privileged mother of two, was also the head of a critical French spy network, Alliance. It seemed like a role she was born to play: she was notoriously strong-willed and rebellious, willing to defy her country's patriarchal rules before the war — and the Nazi occupiers during it. Fourcade would be the war's only female *chef de résistance*; she held together thousands of agents despite relentless pursuit by the Gestapo. Thanks to her ferocious conviction, Alliance became the longest-lasting resistance network in France, supplying key information, including an enormous map of the beaches where the Allies landed on D-Day. This tale of a courageous woman who refused to give in is suspenseful and thrilling.

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

Written by Elaine Weiss

Nashville, August 1920. Thirty-five states have ratified the Nineteenth Amendment, twelve have rejected or refused to vote, and one last state is needed. It all comes down to Tennessee, the moment of truth for the suffragists, after a seven-decade crusade. The opposing forces include politicians with careers at stake, liquor companies, railroad magnates, and a lot of racists who don't want black women voting. And then there are the "Antis" — women who oppose their own enfranchisement, fearing suffrage will bring about the moral collapse of the nation. They all converge in a boiling hot summer for a vicious face-off replete with dirty tricks, betrayals and bribes, bigotry, Jack Daniel's, and the Bible.

***The National Team: The Inside Story of the Women Who Changed Soccer***

Written by Caitlin Murray

The U.S. Women's National Soccer team dominates their sport — but their story is full of both triumphs and struggles. Leading soccer journalist Caitlin Murray dives into the history of the USWNT, beginning with their formation in the 1980s and highlighting how their phenomenal performance helped drive the popularity of soccer and the way people think about women athletes. She also shines a light on the inequities they've faced, which led to the team's current battles for equal pay and conditions. With almost 100 exclusive interviews, Murray provides a peek inside the day-to-day workings of the team and celebrates their determination both on and off the field.

***Dutch Girl: Audrey Hepburn and World War II***

Written by Robert Matzen

Audrey Hepburn is known as both a glamorous movie star and a compassionate humanitarian — and according to her son, Luca Dotti, "The war made my mother who she was." In this fascinating book, author Robert Matzen draws on interviews, personal reminiscences, wartime diaries, and more to capture Hepburn's life-changing experiences during the Nazi occupation of Holland. The war brought violence, including the execution of her uncle, near starvation during the infamous Hunger Winter, and dangerous roles working with the Dutch Resistance. But there were triumphs as well, including newfound fame as a ballerina. Intimate and intense, this powerful story illuminates the childhood that drove Hepburn's incredible contributions to the world.

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

Written by Jane Sherron de Hart

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 and 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.

***SoccerWomen: The Icons, Rebels, Stars, and Trailblazers Who Transformed the Beautiful Game***

Written by Gemma Clarke

Soccer is a tremendously popular sport, both in America and around the world — but the famous female players of today still faced significant hardships and discrimination, in addition to all the challenges of a world-class athlete, in order to play the game they love. In this tribute to the daring women who transformed the sport, author Gemma Clarke interviewed over fifty players and coaches to explore their lives and experiences with the beautiful game. Packed with names both famous and unfamiliar, this book is sure to be a favorite with any fan of soccer or women's sport.

***D-Day Girls: The Spies Who Armed the Resistance, Sabotaged the Nazis, and Helped Win World War II***

Written by Sarah Rose

In the midst of World War II, it appeared that the Nazis were unstoppable — especially with almost every man in England already fighting on the front. So, the Special Operations Executive took a bold step and recruited women as spies. Thirty-nine women answered their call, including Andrée Borrel, Odette Sansom, and Lise de Baissac. In *D-Day Girls* author Sarah Rose draws on recently declassified documents, diaries, and more to create a compelling portrait of these three women and their motivations for risking everything in order to make the D-Day invasion possible — and pave the way for the Allied victory.

***Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder***

Written by Caroline Fraser

For many people, the iconic *Little House on the Prairie* series is pioneer life, but the true story of Laura Ingalls Wilder's life is more complex and fascinating than revealed through her books. To create a more nuanced picture of Wilder's life, author Caroline Fraser examined unpublished writings, letters and diaries, and even financial records. She found that the Ingalls family struggled with poverty, as well as a sense of rootlessness. It wasn't until after the Great Depression that she wrote her children's books and achieved unexpected fortune and fame. For the millions of readers of the Little House books who believe they know Laura Ingalls, this first comprehensive historical biography, which was awarded the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Biography, offers an eye-opening look at both her personal story and the mythologizing of America's westward expansion.

***The Last Girl: My Story of Captivity, and My Fight Against the Islamic State***

Written by Nadia Murad

In 2014, 21-year-old Nadia Murad's quiet life in a Yazidi village in Iraq ended when ISIS invaded, massacring most of her family and neighbors, and kidnapping women young enough to be used as sex slaves. Nadia was taken to Mosul and forced into the ISIS slave market. Following months of abuse, she escaped — and went on to become one of most vocal advocates for the girls and women left in captivity. As a witness to the Islamic State's brutality, a survivor of rape, a refugee, a Yazidi, Nadia tells her harrowing and ultimately inspiring story in a powerful new memoir. This courageous young woman's story is a moving testament of the human will to survive and a call to action to end abuses towards women worldwide by the winner of the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize.

***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.

***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.

***Helen Oxenbury: A Life in Illustration***

Written by Leonard S. Marcus and Helen Oxenbury

"It is impossible to be too much on the side of the child," declares children's illustrator Helen Oxenbury — and in a decades-long career, she has established herself as one of the finest illustrators of modern times. Now, in this unique keepsake-style biography, acclaimed author Leonard S. Marcus celebrates her life and work. Through an interview with Oxenbury herself, as well as detailed research, Marcus creates a captivating portrait of Oxenbury. Throughout, the volume is full of images of Oxenbury's home and work space and, of course, some of the many illustrations that have delighted decades of children.

### ***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.

### ***An American Princess: The Many Lives of Allene Tew***

Written by Annejet van der Zijl

Born in Upstate New York in the late 1800s, Allene Tew was beautiful, impetuous, and frustrated by the confines of her small hometown. At eighteen, she met Tod Hostetter at a local dance, having no idea that the man she would impulsively wed was heir to one of the wealthiest families in America. Allene embodied the tumultuous Gilded Age, weathering personal tragedies during World War I and the catastrophic financial reversals of the crash of 1929. From the hopes of a young girl from Jamestown, New York, Allene Tew would become the epitome of both a pursuer and survivor of the American Dream.

### ***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.

### ***The Matriarch: Barbara Bush and the Making of an American Dynasty***

Written by Susan Page

Barbara Bush is the only woman ever to see both her husband and her son sit in the Oval Office as president — but her story is about more than being a wife and mother. She was a savvy campaign strategist and a capable advisor. She supported literacy programs and compassion for people with HIV and AIDS. And her personal story included emotional scars, deep losses, and mental health struggles that few people saw. In this powerful look at one of America's beloved First Ladies, USA TODAY's Washington Bureau chief Susan Page, in cooperation with Bush herself in the months before her death, tells her extraordinary story and her last words on key issues facing her family and the nation.

### ***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.

### ***Meg, Jo, Beth, Amy: The Story of Little Women and Why it Still Matters***

Written by Anne Boyd Rioux

Since it was published in 1868, *Little Women* and its beloved sisters Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy have spoken to people around the world. In this unique exploration of the American classic — released for the 150th anniversary of its publication — Anne Boyd Rioux tells both the story of Louisa May Alcott's writing and of how the story continues to resonate so many years later. She also pays tribute to the women writers who were inspired by Alcott's novel. Straddling the line between entertainment and nuanced complexity, this fascinating look at Alcott's novel is not to be missed.

### ***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.

### ***Sign My Name to Freedom: A Memoir of a Pioneering Life***

Written by Betty Reid Soskin

Betty Reid Soskin has witnessed dramatic changes to American culture in her 96 years — and she's helped to create plenty of that change, too! Today, she's the oldest park ranger in the history of the National Park Service, sharing her perspective by leading tours of the Rosie the Riveter National Park. In this absorbing memoir, Soskin describes a life watching the course of American 20th century history, complete with tremendous strides in women's and civil rights. Conversational and fresh, this book will make you look at the world around you with new eyes.

### ***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.



***Daughters of the Winter Queen***

Written by Nancy Goldstone

Elizabeth Stuart, granddaughter of the martyred Mary, Queen of Scots, found herself thrust into the glittering world of British royalty when her father ascended to the throne of England — and then her world changed again he betrayed the commitment he'd made when he married her to a German count. Nicknamed the "Winter Queen," Elizabeth was forced into exile in Holland, where she and her four daughters found refuge and comparative peace. Author Nancy Goldstone depicts the determined former queen and her four defiant daughters with wit and admiration, and highlights how their refusal to give in changed the course of history.

***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.

***First Ladies of the Republic. Martha Washington, Abigail Adams, Dolley Madison, and the Creation of an Iconic American Role***

Written by Jeanne E. Abrams

Martha Washington, Abigail Adams, and Dolley Madison were America's *first* First Ladies, and they faced tremendous challenges: they had to define a role that had no official description, and maintain the dignity of the president's office while avoiding the aristocratic behavior of European nobles that was so contrary to their new republic's ideals. Their public personas had to buoy confidence and prop up their husbands' presidencies, no matter what challenges they were facing. Author Jeanne Abrams looks at these three First Ladies as a group, showing how they influenced one another — and created a new role for women in America.

***The Good Mothers: The Story of the three Women Who Took on the World's Most Powerful Mafia***

Written by Alex Perry

The *'Ndrangheta* — the Calabrian Mafia — is one of the richest crime syndicates in the world, and it maintains its fearsome grip with bloodshed and violence — even against the wives and daughters it treats as chattel. In 2009, prosecutor Alessandra Cerreti wondered: could the *'Ndrangheta's* sexism be its downfall? She approached two mafia wives, offering safety for themselves and their children in exchange for testimony. This feminist true crime story of pits one woman against an entrenched crime ring, with nailbiting stakes as readers wonder which of the *'Ndrangheta* women will testify — and who will survive the betrayal.

***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.

***I Should Have Honor: A Memoir of Hope and Pride in Pakistan***

Written by Khalida Brohi

Khalida Brohi grew up in Pakistan, where arranged marriage was the norm, but her father refused to let her become a child bride, and encouraged her to pursue her education. But when her cousin was murdered by her uncle in an "honor killing," for falling in love with a man who was not her betrothed, Brohi turned to activism. She started a social media campaign and created a foundation to give opportunities to girls — and change attitudes among the men in their lives. This inspiring memoir shows how Brohi reconciled her love of her country and her determination to make a change, and fought for the freedom she and other Pakistani girls deserved.

### ***The Fabulous Bouvier Sisters***

Written San Kashner and Nancy Schoenberger

A poignant and evocative account of the two sisters who represented style and class above all else, this dual biography tells the story of Jackie Kennedy Onassis and Lee Radziwill. In life, Jackie and Lee were alike in so many ways. One would grow to become the most iconic woman of her time, while the other lived in her shadow. As they grew up, the two sisters developed an extremely close relationship threaded with rivalry, jealousy, and competition. Yet it was probably the most important relationship of their lives.

### ***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.

### ***An Elephant in My Kitchen***

Written by Francoise Malby-Anthony

When Francoise fell in love with renowned conservationist Lawrence Anthony, she ended up at Thula Thula, his South African game reserve. When Lawrence died in 2012, she found herself having to step into his shoes to protect both its human and animal family. Although she knew little about conservation and she was short on funds, Francoise found ways to forge a relationship with Lawrence's rescued elephant herd, and soon was having adventures like finding a lost baby elephant in her kitchen or caring for an abandoned hippo baby who hated water. This sparkling book is full of laughter, wonder, and the joy of the natural world.

### ***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.

### ***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.

### ***Programmed Inequity, How Britain Discarded Women Technologists and Lost its Edge in Computing***

Written by Marie Hicks

In World War II, Britain was the unquestioned world leader in electronic computing — but thirty years later, the industry had nearly disappeared. The sudden shift was a result of catastrophic decisions made in large part because the majority of Britain's computer workforce was female. In this eye-opening books, Marie Hicks draws on recently released government files as well as personal interviews to show, step-by-step, how gender issues undercut Britain's technology industry... and issue a warning to other countries not to repeat these mistakes today.

### ***A Lab of One's Own: Science and suffrage in the First World War***

Written by Patricia Fara

With men on the fronts of World War I, British suffragists saw an opportunity: mobilize women to enter STEM careers, and prove that women belonged there. For years, women carried out vital research — and they succeeded in winning the vote in the UK — but when men returned from war, they reclaimed their places and re-established conventional hierarchies. But the courage and determination of the pioneers who took wartime jobs set the stage for today's women in STEM. Patricia Fara tells both individual stories of groundbreaking women, and also the broader story of how their work changed our world.

### ***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.

### ***Just the Funny Parts...And A Few Hard Truths About Sneaking into the Hollywood Boy's Club***

Written by Neil Scovell

For thirty years, Nell Scovell worked as a writer, producer, and director for some of TV's iconic shows, including *The Simpsons*, *Murphy Brown*, *NCIS*, and *Late Night with David Letterman*. Then, in 2009, when the David Letterman sex scandal broke, Scovell called out the lack of diversity in late-night TV writers' rooms; two years later, she collaborated with Sheryl Sandberg on *Lean In*. In this book, Scovell shares her own story, but she also provides insights into the creative process — and navigating a difficult workplace. Funny, fast-paced, and insightful, it's a unique look past "the funny parts" that you see on TV at the nitty-gritty of behind the scenes.

### ***The Neuroscientist Who Lost Her Mind***

Written by Barbara K. Lipska PhD and Elaine McArdie

Barbara Lipska was an expert on the neuroscience of mental illness when she was diagnosed with melanoma that had spread to her brain. The illness damaged her frontal lobe and soon dementia- and schizophrenia-like symptoms overwhelmed her. Then, unexpectedly, the immunotherapy she had been prescribed worked, and within a few more months, she was back to normal — but with full memories of her experience of mental illness. In this powerful book, Lipska takes a scientist's look at her ordeal, exploring how mental illness and brain injury affects us and what that looks like both inside and out.

***Jane and Dorothy: A True Tale of Sense and Sensibility, The Lives of Jane Austen and Dorothy Wordsworth***

Written by Marian Veevers

Jane Austen and Dorothy Wordsworth were contemporaries, and while they shared many similarities — they were talented writers who struggled to express themselves, they both desperately desired financial security, and neither ever married — they took two very different paths. Austen decided to try to achieve financial independence through her writing, while Wordsworth turned her gifts to help her brother, poet William Wordsworth. In this unique dual biography, author Marian Veevers compares their lives side by side, creating an intriguing portrait of two brilliant women trapped by the conventions of their time.

***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.

***Astrid Lindgren: The Woman Behind Pippi Longstocking***

Written by Jens Andersen

Astrid Lindgren's life was often turbulent and difficult: she faced life as an unwed teenage mother, poverty during the war, and battles with depression. Then, as the creator of beloved book characters like Pippi Longstocking and Ronia, she was suddenly launched into fame, giving her a voice for causes that mattered deeply to her, like women's and children's rights. In this first English-language biography of Lindgren, author Jens Andersen draws on primary sources and letters to create a detailed and accessible account of Lindgren's life, and also explores how her characters still resonate with children today.

***Hunger: A Memoir of (My) Body***

Written by Roxane Gay

In a culture that fetishizes thinness, a childhood sexual assault prompted this thought for Roxane Gay: "if I made myself big, my body would be safe." The trauma prompted decades of wrestling between mind and body... and then this best-selling book exploring the shame, guilt, and invisibility that faces anyone whose body does not match our culture's ever-narrowing definition of "good.". With staggering honesty and an unflinching look both at herself and at the society around her, Gay tackles difficult issues about body and mind and reminds us that "all of us have to be more considerate of the realities of the bodies of others."

***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.

***Chasing Light: Michelle Obama Through the Lens of a White House Photographer***

Written by Amanda Lucidon

Inside the White House, photographers capture the inner workings of a presidency — and the personalities of the First Family. Amanda Lucidon spent four years covering First Lady Michelle Obama, and in this new book, she shares 150 of her favorite photographs, along with reflections about what it was like to be so close to one of the most admired First Ladies in history. Lucidon follows Obama through her work to combat childhood obesity, promote girls' education, and support military families; watches her as she travels with her children; and observes the quiet moments between the First Lady and the President that most people never see. This intimate and vibrant book is a celebration of the values that made Michelle Obama an icon to so many people around the world.

***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.

***The Mother of Black Hollywood: A Memoir***

Written by Jenifer Lewis

Over more than 300 appearances on TV, movie screens, stages, and more, Jenifer Lewis has established herself as a versatile — and deeply admired — entertainer. Now, in this open and honest memoir, she reveals the story of her journey from guest stars to headliner. Along the way, she tackles the realities of life in Hollywood and the undiagnosed mental illness that nearly brought her career to an end, as well as her determined climb back to mental health and new challenges, including her current role in the hit show *black-ish*. Alternately poignant and laugh-out-loud funny, this is the perfect choice for anyone who immediately recognizes the woman who's played "mama" for many of black Hollywood's biggest stars.

***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.

***Lab girl***

Written by Hope Jahren

Hope Jahren is an acclaimed geobiologist, but her first book is much more than a textbook on plants and dirt: it's also a story of work, love, and the way a partnership can transform both. It begins with a childhood in Minnesota with an uncompromising mother and a father who encouraged "play" in his classroom's labs. Then, as an adult, she meets Bill, a brilliant but wounded person who becomes her lab partner and her best friend. Their adventures would take them to the North Pole, Hawaii, and across the North American continent on a quest for knowledge about the remarkable details and processes that lurk within the simplest of things. Full of a love of science and discovery, Jahren's book also captures the passion and tenacity it takes to make a career and a life out of what you love.

***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 Girl Who Escaped ISIS: This Is My Story***

Written by Farida Khalaf and Andrea C. Hoffman

Farida Khalaf's life was normal, even sheltered, in her northern Iraqi village — but all that changed when ISIS attacked in the summer of 2014. The men and children were killed, and the women were taken as slaves for ISIS soldiers. In this unflinching book, Khalaf describes both her life before the attack, complete with dreams of becoming a math teacher, and the misery and torture she faced afterward. Despite it all, she refused to lose hope, and when she was brought to a training camp in the middle of the desert, she planned an escape attempt against seemingly ridiculous odds. A riveting firsthand account of life in captivity and a courageous flight to freedom, this astonishing memoir is also Farida's way of bearing witness, and of ensuring that ISIS does not succeed in crushing her spirit. Her bravery, resilience, and hope in the face of unimaginable violence will fascinate and inspire readers.

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

Written by Jason Fagone

Elizebeth 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.



### ***Daring to Drive: A Saudi Woman's Awakening***

Written by Manal Al-Sharif

As a teen, Manal al-Sharif was as conservative as they come: she even burned her brother's boy band cassettes because music was forbidden by Islamic law. But after a college education and the beginning of a career as a computer security engineer, she became frustrated with the limitations placed upon her by Saudi law and found her way into activism. With ridiculous contradictions facing her every day — like her teenaged brother having to "chaperone" her on a business trip, or the expensive car her work allowed her to afford but that she wasn't legally able to drive — she decided to stand up and fight back. In her memoir, al-Sharif captures the resentment and anger simmering among Saudi Arabia's women, the power of education and solidarity to fight for change, and the incredible freedom that comes from making your voice heard.

### ***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.

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***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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