

Women's History

BOOKS

The Firebrand and the First Lady: Portrait of a Friendship: Pauli Murray, Eleanor Roosevelt, and the Struggle for Social Justice (2017) by Patricia Bell-Scott

Freedom's Daughters: The Unsung Heroines of the Civil Rights Movement from 1830 to 1970 (2002) by Lynne Olson

The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II (2014) by Denise Kiernan

The Good Girls Revolt: How the Women of Newsweek Sued their Bosses and Changed the Workplace (2016) by Lynn Povich

Headstrong: 52 Women Who Changed Science-and the World (2015) by Rachel Swaby

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

Jailed for Freedom: American Women Win the Vote (1995) by Doris Stevens

Labor of Love, Labor of Sorrow: Black Women, Work, and the Family, from Slavery to the Present (2009) by Jacqueline Jones

Out to Work: A History of Wage-Earning Women in the United States (2003) by Alice Kessler-Harris

Song of the Stubborn One Thousand: The Watsonville Canning Strike, 1985-87 (2016) by Peter Shapiro

Triangle: The Fire That Changed America (2004), by David Von Drehle

The Unfinished Revolution: Voices from the Global Fight for Women's Rights (2012) ed. Minky Worden

Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom (With a Few Flat Tires Along the Way) (2017) by Sue Macy

With Courage and Cloth: Winning the Fight for a Woman's Right to Vote (2004) by Ann Bausum

Women in Pacific Northwest History (2001) by Blair

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Biographies

Alice Paul: Claiming Power (2014) by J.D. Zahniser & Amelia R. Fry

And A Voice to Sing With: A Memoir (2009) by Joan Baez

Child of the Sit-Downs: The Revolutionary Life of Genora Dollinger (2008) by Carlton Jackson

Goddess of Anarchy: The Life and Times of Lucy Parsons, American Radical (available Dec 2017) by Jacqueline Jones

Iron In Her Soul: Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and the American Left (1995), by Helen Camp

Living for Change: An Autobiography (2016) by Grace Lee Boggs

Mother Jones: The Most Dangerous Woman In America (2002), by Elliot Gorn

My Life on the Road (2016) by Gloria Steinem

Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg (2015) by Irin Carmon & Shana Knizhnik

Rebel Girl: An Autobiography – My First Life (1973), by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

Sally Ride: America's First Woman in Space

She Was One of Us: Eleanor Roosevelt and the American Worker (2010) by Brigid O'Farrell

Unbought And Unbossed (2010) by Shirley Chisholm

The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life of Frances Perkins, FDR'S Secretary of Labor and His Moral Conscience (2009) by Kirstin Downey

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MOVIES

American Revolutionary: The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs (2013)

Documentary, Grace Lee Boggs is an activist and philosopher in Detroit who has dedicated her life to the next American Revolution and the possibility of a better, more just future for all of humanity.

The Ballad of Josie (1967): Comedy, a widow stirs things up in a western town by raising sheep instead of cattle and organizing the local women to demonstrate for women's suffrage; Doris Day.

China Blue (2005): Documentary, shot clandestinely in China, under difficult conditions, this is a deep-access account of how the clothes we buy are actually made. China Blue takes us inside a blue-jeans factory, where Jasmine and her friends are trying to survive a harsh working environment.

Dark Girls (2011): Documentary, explores the deep-seated biases and attitudes about skin color - particularly dark skinned women, outside of and within the Black American culture.

Free to Run (2016): Documentary, traces how running went from the domain of elite male athletes on the track to a populist phenomenon on the streets.

Iron Jawed Angels (2004): Drama, defiant young activists take the women's suffrage movement by storm, putting their lives at risk to help American women win the right to vote; Hilary Swank, Margo Martindale.

The Joy Luck Club (1993): Drama, through a series of flashbacks, four young Chinese women born in America and their respective mothers born in feudal China, explore their past.

Made In Dagenham (2010): Drama, the story of the 1968 strike at the Ford Dagenham car plant, where female workers walked out in protest against sexual discrimination.

Made In L.A. (2007): Documentary, follows the remarkable story of three Latina immigrants working in Los Angeles garment sweatshops as they embark on a three-year odyssey to win basic labor protections.

Miss Representation (2011): Documentary, explores the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence in America, and challenges the media's limited portrayal of what it means to be a powerful woman.

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9 to 5 (1980): Comedy, Three female employees of a sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot find a way to turn the tables on him; Dolly Parton, Lily Tomlin.

Norma Rae (1979): Drama, portrayal of a union organizing drive in a Southern textile mill, based on the true story of union activist Crystal Lee Sutton; Sally Field (who won the Academy Award for best actress)

North Country (2005): Drama, a fictionalized account of the first major successful sexual harassment case in the United States -- Jenson vs. Eveleth Mines, where a woman who endured a range of abuse while working as a miner filed and won the landmark 1984 lawsuit; Charlize Theron.

Not For Ourselves Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton & Susan B. Anthony (1999): Documentary, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony were born into a world ruled entirely by men. By the time their lives were over, they had changed for the better the lives of women everywhere.

The Punk Singer (2013): Documentary, a look at the life of activist, musician, and cultural icon Kathleen Hanna, who formed the punk band Bikini Kill and pioneered the "riot grrrl" movement of the 1990s.

She's Beautiful When She's Angry (2016): Documentary, resurrects the buried history of the outrageous, often brilliant women who founded the modern women's movement from 1966 to 1971.

Silkwood (1983): Drama, tells the story of Karen Silkwood, a union activist in a plutonium processing plant who blew the whistle on unsafe practices at the company and who died under suspicious circumstances; Meryl Streep, Cher

Suffragette (2015): Drama, story of the foot soldiers of the early feminist movement in the United Kingdom. Faced with increasing police action, the dedicated suffragettes must play a dangerous game of cat-and-mouse, risking their jobs, homes, family and lives for a just cause.