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**The BEST FEMINIST BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS, BIRTH THROUGH AGE 18**

**Young Readers: Fiction**

**Alko, Selina.** Every-body Has a Secret. A mother’s exciting stories of famous women inspire her young daughter to dress up as her favorite heroines, including Amelia Earhart, Maria Tallchief, and Frida Kahlo.

**Medina, Meg.** Tia Is A Winner. A car means freedom to Tia Isa, but saving the money to buy one seems ridiculous to Tio Andres. She and her resourceful niece set out to prove him wrong.

**Macy, Sue.** Basketball Belles: How Two Teams and One Scrapy Player Put Women’s Hoops on the Map. Illus. by Matt Collins. Agnes plays center for Stanford University women’s basketball team. Join her for the game against Berkeley in 1896 that sets in motion the future of women’s basketball.

**McDonnell, Patrick.** Me. . . Jane. Young Jane Goodall, brave and determined, dreams of living in Africa and helping the animals she loves—until the day her dream comes true.

**Quattlebaum, Mary.** Pirate vs. Pirate. Illus. by Alexandra Boiger. Bad Bart and Mean Mo - two fierce pirate captains - compete to claim the title of “biggest, burliest, maddest, mightiest pirate in the world.”


**Capaldi, Gina and Q.L. Pearce.** Red bird sings: the story of Zitkala-Sa, Native American author, musician and activist. Ill. by Gina Capaldi. In spite of the challenges of a life divided between two cultures, Red Bird persevered to become an accomplished musician and vocal activist for women’s and Native American Rights.

**Moss, Marissa.** The Bravest Woman in America. Illus. by Andrea U. Alban. In 1896, Clara and her little brother, Jack. She finds hidden strengths within herself along with a fierce desire for independence.

**Hanigian, Katherine.** True ( . . . Sort Of). When Ferris arrives in town, Delly gets an unexpected “surpresent.” Rib uncover a beautiful “hummin’ bin,” and Brud Kinney learns to play basketball “like nothin’ nobody’s ever seen.” This unlikely trio must navigate Ferris’ sadness, silence, and wild nature to discover what they have to offer each other.

**Hatke, Ben.** The Spacejock. Zita leaps into space and new territories for a female superhero who travels around the world. She worked for 20 years to bring beautiful Japanese cherry trees to Washington DC, fighting every obstacle that men put across her path.

**Hannigan, Katherine.** Promise the Night. Outspoken Addie struggles to define herself according to her own terms. She fights against bullying and oppression, and takes time to look inside herself to discover what it means to be a girl who’s a little bit different.

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Neumeyer, Rachel. The Floating Islands. Trei and Aranet dream of unconventional futures that defy cultural expectations. They call upon their unique abilities and unite forces when the floating islands are attacked by a powerful rival country.

Pratchett, Terry. I Shall Wear Midnight. Tiffany Aching, a teenage witch, must defeat the Cunning Man, a source of ancient evil, to save her community.

Reedy, Trent. Words in the Dust. In a society that vilifies education for girls, Zulaika finds solace in the ancient poetry her mother loved. A developing friendship with her mother’s mentor and medical assistants from the American military combine with her growing knowledge to bring her new options and an expanded world view.

Restrepo, Bettina. Illegit. Nora and her mother struggle themselves across the Mexico/Texas border in a manic truck. Once in the U.S., Nora procures an apartment, fake work papers, and jobs for them while struggling to adjust to life as an illegal immigrant and searching for her missing father.

Venkatasram, Padma. Island’s End. Shido trains hard to become her tribe’s first female spiritual leader in generations. She learns ways to heal her people and saves them from a natural disaster, even when they doubt and ridicule her abilities because she’s a girl.

Whelan, Gloria. Small Acts of Amazing Courage. Rosalind was raised in a British colony in India. Her curiosity evolves into a social concern which she can no longer ignore.

Middle Readers: Nonfiction

Adams, Carly. Queens of the Ice... These hockey queens hit-check sweep in this fast paced profile of the Preston Rivulettes.

Atwood, Kathryn J. Women Heroes of World War II... This vivid presentation features strength in numbers... As a Civil War nurse, soldier, and spy. Edmonds was the first and only woman recognized as a veteran of the Civil War.

O’Connell, Caitlin and Donna M. Jackson. The Elephant Scientist. Photo- graphs by Timothy Rodwell. Stunning photographs and exciting new information about elephant behavior document the groundbreaking work of the “mother of all elephants,” courageous Caitlin O’Connell.


Senker, Cath. Strength in Numbers... Suffrage. Abolition. Temperance. These movements gave women public access to political forums to advocate for their interests and demand equal treatment under the law.

Senker, Cath. Women Claim the Vote... The fate of the human realm rests in the hands of two old girls, Kaede and Taisin. They embark on an unprecedented journey to seek the help of the Fairy Queen.

Bryant, Jill. Dazzling Women Designers: In a field traditionally dominated by men, these women designers have pioneered techniques and pursued artistic visions in many areas including: urban planning, interior design, automotive design, landscape architecture, and robotics.

Young Adult: Fiction

Fleming, Candace. Amelia Lost... This intriguing biography highlights feminist icon Amelia Earhart’s contribution to aviation history. Readers will discover interesting details about this adventurous spirit’s life and about the events surrounding her disappearance over the Pacific in 1937.


Macy, Sue. Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom... Through vintage cartoons, photographs, and songs, women led equal rights campaigns.

Marrin, Albert. Flesh and Blood so Cheap... 146 dead! Find out what led up to the Triangle Factory Fire, as well as meeting some truly dynamic women like Rose Schneiderman and Frances Perkins.

McCaflrey, Paul. Ruth Bader Ginsburg... Ruth Bader Ginsburg provides steadfast support of women’s rights through the Women’s Rights Project and her work to provide justice for all on the Supreme Court.

Moos, Marissa. Nurse, Soldier, Spy... Escaping an arranged marriage, Sarah Emma Edmonds, disguised as a man, supported herself by working as a Civil War nurse, soldier, and spy. Edmonds was the first and only woman recognized as a veteran of the Civil War.

Bradbury, Jennifer. Knowing Your Value: Women, Money, and Getting What You’re Worth. On average, women make only seventy-seven cents for every dollar earned by a man. Brzezinski gives advice on how to fight for equal financial compensation to which women are entitled.

Vaughn, Carrie. Carve. Jill, a champion traveler, learns to take herself seriously and embrace the beauty of the unknown. Trent Reedy, her friend and pirate captain Margaret Cooper, she learns about honor and displays courage and cunning in an attempt to return home.

Young Adult: Nonfiction

Baumgardner, Jennifer. F’em: Goo Goo, Gaga, and Some Thoughts On Feminism. Provides a voice for an often under represented world of feminisms, reproductive justice, and gender roles.

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Okorafon, Nnedi. Akwot Witch. Sunny seeks to discover herself and uncover her mystical connection to the mysterious Nigerian Leopard community. As her powers increase, she gains the ability to stand with her friends against an ancient and terrifying evil.

Pierce, Tamora. Mistoff. In the course of her Hunt to recover a kidnaped prince, Beka Cooper challenges the belief systems of many in her world, and creates unexpected change that will rock the foundations of her society.

Resau, Laura and Maria Virginia Farinango. Queen of Water. At age seven, Virginia is taken away from her small Ecuadorian village to work in a middle-class college. She survives years of abuse, living on the hope that one day, she will achieve liberation.

Ruth, Veronica. Divergent. In this brutal tale set in futuristic Chicago, teens are placed into factions based on their “talents.” Tris chooses to leave the safety of her selfless Abnegation faction to join the Dauntless. Through willpower and strength, she transforms herself and determines her own future.

Whitney, Daisy. The Mockingbirds. Alex, a student at Thems Academy, is sexually assaulted during a date with a popular boy. When Alex’s plight is ignored by the faculty, she fights to reclaim her self-esteem and advance through the justice of The Mockingbirds, a secret student society dedicated to righting wrongs.

Wolf, Kristen. The Way. Anna lives in a world where a daughter is a disappointment and women are devalued. Forced to present herself as a boy to survive, she embarks on an unexpected journey, discovering the mythic powers of the Great Mother and becoming a prophet (ess) leading many people back to the Way.

Yang, Dori Jones. Daughter of Xanadu. Illus. By Stephen Yang. In Trouble. Jamie and Elaine are best friends, juniors in high school, and “in trouble,” a chilling account of a time (not so long ago) when pregnant teens were ostracized and unable to obtain reliable medical care.

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