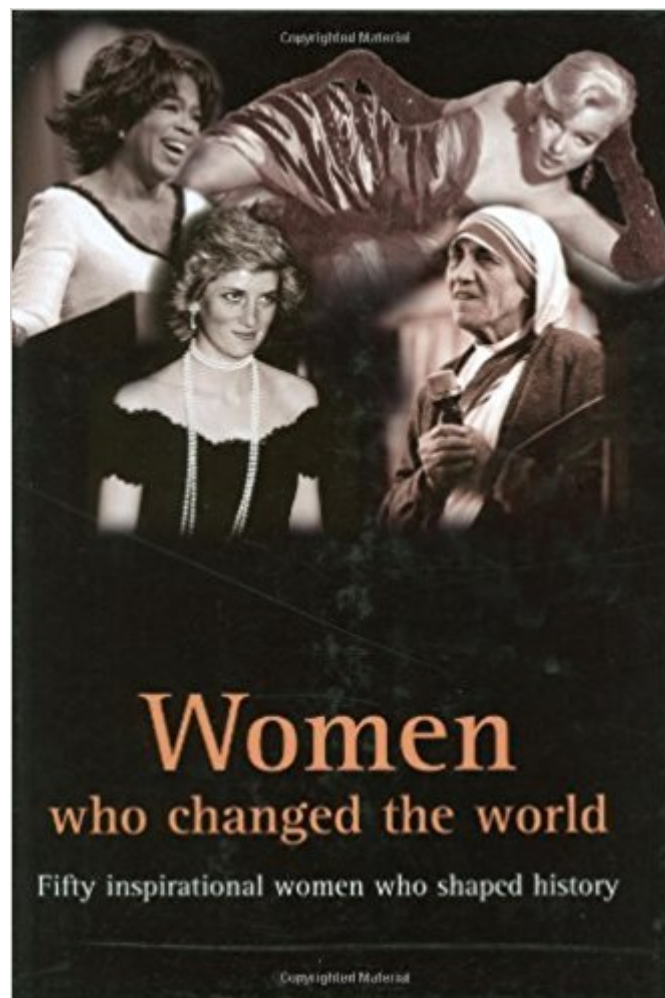




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The book is a mix of well known Heroines and unsung Heroines and women who were different and had power in the past centuries

awesome!

I find this book very interesting. I first saw it in my doctors office, but never had time to read it. It's a great one for girls and women to read.

Interesting book that chronicles the lives of some of history's most extraordinary women. It lists them in chronological order, from the earliest feminine rulers to the modern icons whether it be in politics, literature or the silver screen and the usual are listed here - Cleopatra, Mary Magdalene, Joan of Arc, Florence Nightingale, Eva Perón (always my favorite), Marilyn Monroe, Princess Diana, Benazir Bhutto and countless more. The only issue is that the book is a bit out-dated. For instance, it was written before Benazir Bhutto's death, so her entry is not exactly up-to-date, and since I am not an expert on several of these ladies, I cannot state how well researched it is.

However, I still had a great time reading it as the books layout kept things interesting. Each woman is given a photograph on their main page (or drawing) with a brief introduction, usually letting the reader in on what made this particular woman so spellbinding, and each woman's biography is spread out within 3 pages, just enough to include most aspects of their life, but still brief enough to please those, like myself, who are sometimes just plain lazy readers and want to cut to the chase. It also includes a FACTFILE section, listing off some interesting notes and facts that some may not know about these enigmatic ladies along with some famous quotes associated with them. I always like reading up on historical people and events, and books like this help satisfy this never-ending curiosity I have with these mythical historical women. It is an interesting read and the famous and infamous women showcased here are worthy of reading up on, as their lives have become stuff of history and legend.

Fifty women is of course far too few. Still, it's a good start. Each woman is given two or three pages, with a photo if possible or a drawing if not. We also get a timeline of the events in her life and the events occurring around her. I am not sure that some of the women were hugely influential in changing the world. But the fact that the earlier women are there because accident of birth or political marriage allowed them to achieve, such as Cleopatra and Catherine the Great, while the later are there because they were achievers in science or literature, such as Marie Curie or Virginia Woolf, is telling. After that we get women who achieved in physical ways such as flying, tennis or sailing. Even acting and singing. Leading countries, civil rights or peace movements is up there too. Now the great thing about a book like this is that we get to play choices. Forced to drop one and add one, I would remove Marilyn Monroe (who did nothing for me) and add Anna Sewell. I might remove another person to add Pat Smythe or Iris Kellett. Maybe drop painter Mary Cassat (because I've never heard of her) and add Beatrix Potter, Ursula K LeGuin, Anne McCaffrey or Harper Lee, whose book regularly tops numerous Goodreads polls. What would be your drop and pick?

This book features 50 women who "are outstanding individuals who achieved exceptional things in the major fields of human endeavor--politics, literature, art, science, music, social reform, entertainment, sport, and adventure." Each woman's life story is told in a 3-page mini-biography. I enjoyed this format and even made a list of people, movies, and songs I want to look up now that I've read a small introduction. Some of the women I found interesting to learn about include Cleopatra, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Margaret Bourke-White, Katharine Hepburn, Rosa Parks, Oprah Winfrey, and surprisingly, Madonna.

My mom absolutely loved this book that I gave her for Christmas 2013. Almost tempted to purchase one for myself. I read it before giving it to my mom and was very impressed by the collection of historical women.

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