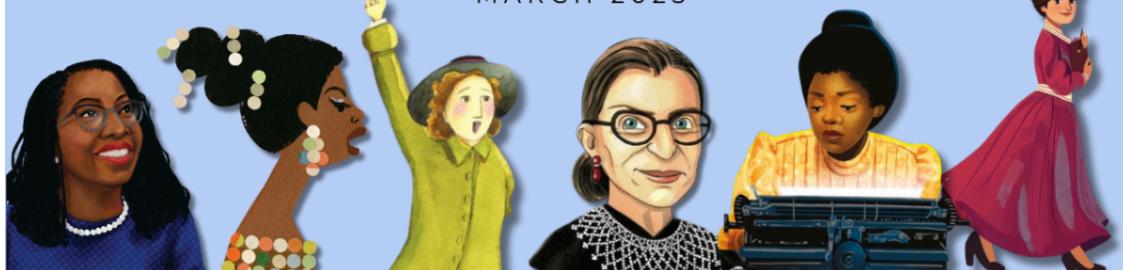




Women's History Month

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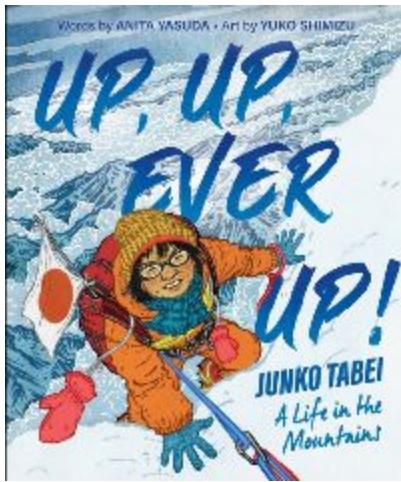


Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. During Women's History Month and year-round, the Jane Addams Peace Association recognizes and uplifts women change-makers!

In March, we delve into current and past Jane Addams Children's Book Award-Winners and Honor Books that affirm and celebrate women and girls in history and the present. It is our mission "To deepen understanding of peace and justice for children and their adults through reflection, dialogue, and social action." Let us think and talk about how people can challenge gender stereotypes and bias against all hierarchies of power and opportunity and work for power and equality for all.

All Books Honoring Women

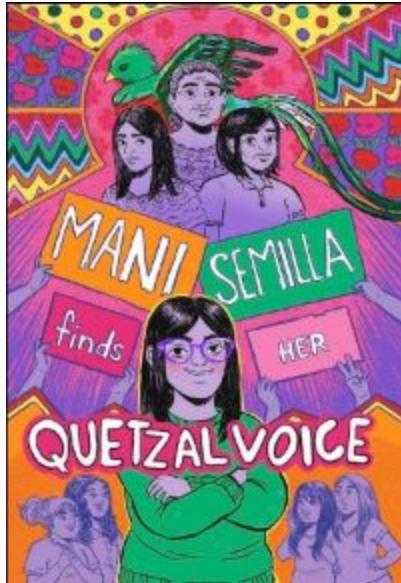
Books Honoring Women's Stories



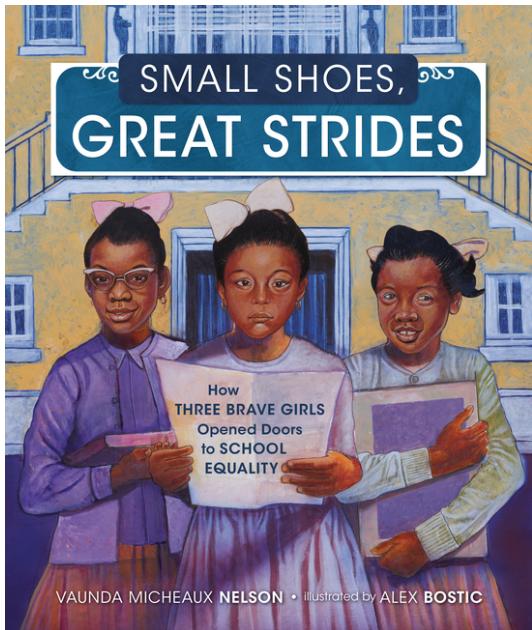
Junko Tabei dreamed of a life climbing mountains. But men refused to climb with her. Sponsors told her to stay home. Instead, she planned an expedition to summit Mount Everest with an all-women team. Battling icy peaks, deep crevasses, and even an avalanche, Junko refused to give up. She climbed step by step . . . up, up, ever up!

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Manuela “Mani” Semilla finds secret letters between her mom and her Tía Beatriz, who, according to family lore, died in a bus crash before Mani was born. But the letters reveal a different story. Why did her family really leave Guatemala? What will Mani learn about herself along the way? And how can the letters help her to stand up against the culture of harassment at her own school?



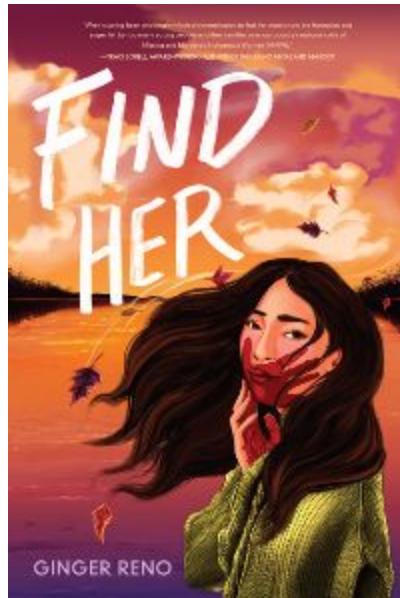
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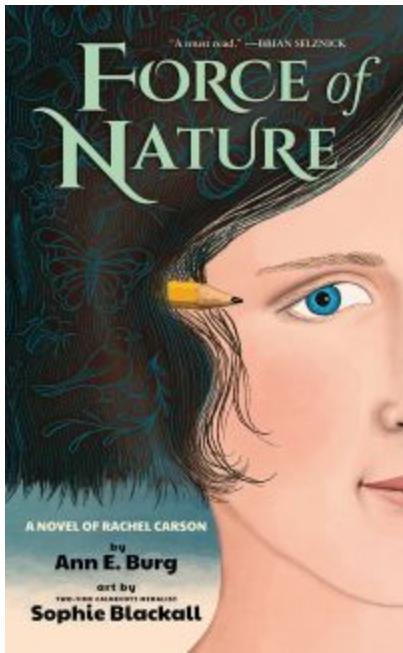
On November 14, 1960, first graders Leona Tate, Tessie Prevost, and Gail Etienne stepped into history by going to school. Escorted by U.S. Marshals and facing swarms of shouting protestors, they became the first children in New Orleans to integrate a previously all-white school. Like Ruby, the trio faced crowds of protestors fighting against public school desegregation efforts and relied on US Marshals to keep them safe. That day was just the beginning of their journey.

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Five years, three months, and twelve days. That's how long Wren's mother has been missing. *Find Her* explores the crisis of missing Indigenous women from the perspective of a sensitive young Cherokee girl who yearns to find her mother, while also navigating a chilling town mystery, a new friendship, and a family in need of healing.



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Rachel was a girl who loved science and the sea, books and writing and all the creatures of the world. Rachel was quiet, a listener by nature. But when she saw problems, she could not remain silent. Some people thought girls shouldn't be scientists. They thought girls shouldn't use their voices to question or challenge, even to protect all the creatures of the world. Luckily Rachel didn't listen to them.

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* All book summaries adapted from Google Books or Teaching Books

Community Highlight

Black Pearl Books



7112 Burnet Rd, Austin, TX 78757

Black Pearl Books is a Black-woman-owned bookstore in Texas whose mission is to "promote diversity, inclusion, and representation through literature." During the 2023-2024 school year, Texas [pulled around 538 books](#) from the shelves. This bookstore's mission is to make sure that students and educators have access to all of the books that school districts have banned. They donate books to women's prisons, host author talks, and works with schools in Austin that want to start clubs centered around reading banned books.

[Learn More About This Bookstore](#)

Celebrating the Legacy of Jane Addams



As we celebrate Women's History Month, it is important to acknowledge the achievements and legacy of our namesake, Jane Addams. She was a feminist, a pacifist, and celebrated as the "mother of social work." Notably, she co-founded Chicago's Hull House with social reformer Ellen Starr which provided social services to poor families.

Jane Addams was also a pacifist and opposed war, speaking out against U.S. intervention in World War I. She believed that war caused social ills and resulted in the struggle of families across the world. More than just denouncing war, she believed in fundamental concepts such as freedom, kindness, and cooperation and used them as tools to change the world.

She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931 for her work; as she was involved in the women's suffrage movement, advocated for the rights of women and children, and was involved in the Woman's Peace Party among many other pursuits.

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Celebrating 72 Years!

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Thursday
24 APRIL, 2025
5:30 PM EST

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Author Visit with Tami Charles



Author Tami Charles (left) and board member Lucia Gonzalez (right)



BOOKS IN THEIR HANDS

The Peace Association headed to Miami, FL where author Tami Charles shared her book *Freedom Soup*, a 2020 Finalist Book with children at the North Miami Public Library! We offered free samples of the famous "Freedom Soup" mentioned in the book as well as free copies of the book itself! Thank you to the

friends of the North Miami Public Library for donating 300 books for all the students.

Through our ***Books in Their Hands*** program, we bring authors and illustrators to low-income schools nationally to share their Jane Addams award-winning books and to speak directly with the students and teachers in the community. We also donate Jane Addams Children's Book Award commended titles into the hands of children.

Support Our Work!



Tami Charles (left), Friends of the North Miami Public Library, Lucia Gonzalez (second from right), Angela Medina (right)

The Jane Addams Peace Association perpetuates the spirit of activist and pacifist Jane Addams, her love for children and humanity, her commitment to freedom and democracy, and her devotion to the cause of world peace.

Your donation to the Jane Addams Peace Association, a 501(c)(3) organization, is tax-deductible and helps us support authors, illustrators, parents, teachers, and librarians deepen understanding of peace and justice for children and their adults through reflection, dialogue, and social action.

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