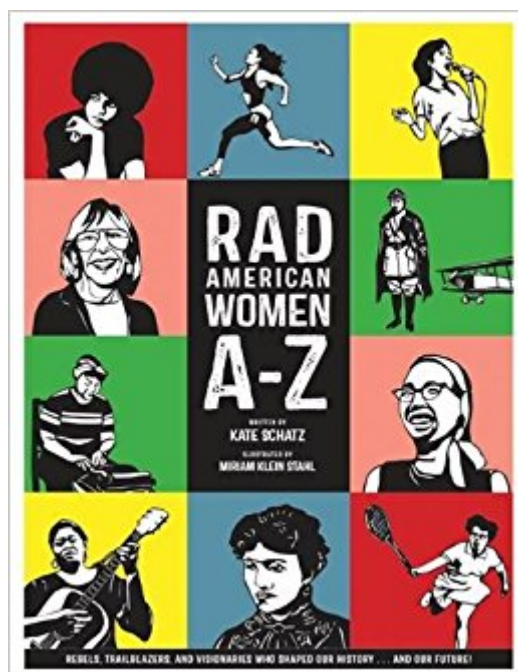




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Rad American Women A-Z: Rebels, Trailblazers, And Visionaries Who Shaped Our History . . . And Our Future! (City Lights/Sister Spit)



Synopsis

The New York Times Bestseller!"This is The Most Inspiring Children's Book We've Ever Seen."--Refinery29.com"The very first kids' book released by the iconic publishing house City Lights, *Rad American Women A-Z* navigates the alphabet from Angela Davis to Zora Neale Hurston with colorful illustrations and short, powerful narratives. The perfect gift for the junior riot grrl in your life."--Bust Magazine"The History of Feminism--in an Awesome Picture Book. The ABCs just got a major girl-power upgrade."--Chantal Strasburger, Teen VogueLike all A-Z books, this one illustrates the alphabet; but instead of "A is for Apple", A is for Angela; as in Angela Davis, the iconic political activist. B is for Billie Jean King, who shattered the glass ceiling of sports; C is for Carol Burnett, who defied assumptions about women in comedy; D is for Dolores Huerta, who organized farmworkers; and E is for Ella Baker, who mentored Dr. Martin Luther King and helped shape the Civil Rights Movement. And the list of great women continues, spanning several centuries, multiple professions, and 26 diverse individuals. There are artists and abolitionists, scientists and suffragettes, rock stars and rabble-rousers, and agents of change of all kinds. The book includes an introduction that discusses what it means to be "rad" and "radical," an afterword with 26 suggestions for how you can be "rad," and a Resource Guide with ideas for further learning and reading. American history was made by countless; and often radical; women. By offering a fresh and diverse array of female role models, we can remind readers that there are many places to find inspiration, and that being smart and strong and brave is rad. *Rad American Women* will be appreciated by various age groups. It is Common Core aligned for students grades 3 - 8. Pre-school and young children will be captured by the bright visuals and easily modified texts, while the subject matter will stimulate and inspire high-schoolers and beyond."This is not a book. This is a guest list for a party of my heroes. Thank you for inviting us." --Lemony Snicket, author of *A Series of Unfortunate Events* books"I feel honored to be included in this book. Women need to take radical steps to become feminists, and to be strong to fight for their rights and those of others facing oppression and discrimination. The world needs rad women to create a just society." --Dolores Huerta, Labor Leader, Civil Rights Activist"It's almost always with a chuckle that I view a cartoon image of myself. But to see cartoon-me positioned (alphabetically) amongst so many of my women heroes and role models . . . well, I just broke down and cried. Happy tears. I surely hope that this one-of-a-kind collection of radical American women reaches the hands of all children who want to grow up and become amazing women." --Kate Bornstein, author of *My New Gender Workbook*"I was totally in rapture reading this book. Bold women, bold colors, and fierce black paper cutouts. I cheer these histories of women who fight not for war or country or corporation, but

for EVERYONE! I can't wait for my son to read this." —Nikki McClure, Illustrator of All in a Day

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Customer Reviews

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getting it done forever!"--Mary Engelbreit, renowned artist and children's book illustrator

"Rousing tributes to 26 women who didn't keep their heads or voices down. Reserving 'X' for 'the women whose names we don't know,' Schatz presents an unusually diverse gallery of activists. Along with the predictable likes of the Grimke sisters, Billie Jean King and Zora Neale Hurston, it includes Patti Smith, blacklisted musical prodigy Hazel Scott, Mexican-American journalist Jovita Idar and transgender performance artist Kate Bornstein. Furthermore, the author extends her definition of 'radical' beyond the arenas of politics and social causes to include Florence Griffith-Joyner ('Who showed us how to run like a girl'), Rachel Carson, Temple Grandin and Dr. Virginia Apgar (developer of the Apgar Score for newborns). . . . A 'rad' alternative to less-inclusive albums, such as Cynthia Chin-Lee, Megan Halsey and Sean Addy's *Amelia to Zora* (2005)."--Kirkus Reviews

"This lively abecedary introduces 25 inspiring women and their accomplishments, from environmentalist Rachel Carson ('R is for Rachel') and rocker Patti Smith to lesser-known history-makers like Wilma Mankiller, who became the first female Chief of the Cherokee Nation, and transgender author/artist Kate Bornstein. Schatz opens with a discussion of different meanings of rad/radical ('A radical can be a person who wants to make big changes in society'), and the snappy mini-biographies that follow hit the highlights of the women's lives and legacies in an accessible, conversational tone. Bright hues provide backdrops for Stahl's angular cut-paper portraits, which emphasize the subjects' power, humor, and strength. The letter X 'is for the women whose names we don't know'--For the women who aren't in the history books, or the Halls of Fame--The women who made huge changes and the women who made dinner.' This inspiring and diverse tribute to artists, journalists, sports phenoms, judges, and more culminates with an energizing A-Z list of '26 Things That You Can Do to Be Rad!' and a reading list to encourage further exploration."--Publishers Weekly

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across the curriculum can utilize this informative book."--Patricia Ann Owens, School Library Journal

"Ever wanted a women-centric history book to hand to a kid? This March, publisher City Lights/Sister Spit is releasing an exciting new book that tells the stories of 26 important American women, one for each letter of the alphabet. *Rad American Women* features biographies of women from Angela Davis to Zora Neale Huston. Author Kate Schatz and illustrator Miriam Klein Stahl highlight a great selection of women--the group is diverse in terms of race, era, and in their field of work, ranging from scientists to writers and activists."--Sarah Mirk, Bitch Magazine

"Angela Davis. Billie Jean King. Carol Burnett. The first three women in this fantastic ABC book set the tone for whatâ€™s to come: visionary, bold, diverse role models for an array of children today. Each page, with a modern illustration, a brief biography, and an uplifting overview of her accomplishments, will inspire young world-changers both in social studies classrooms and at home. Ages eight and up."--Foreword Reviews

"Moms and dads everywhere, take note. Indoctrinating your wee ones into your feminist girl gang just got a little easier. This illustrated book teaches kids (and adults) the A, B, Cs of American feminist history with vivid illustrations by Miriam Klein Stahl. A is for Angela Davis, B is for Billie Jean King, C is for Carol Burnett, and so on & so on, be still my beating heart."--Marisa Crawford, *Weird Sister*

"There might be something more exciting than an illustrated alphabet of American heroines both famous and unsung, but Iâ€™m not sure what that thing would be. Created with children (and their parents, teachers, and interested adults) in mind, this book features one important woman for each letter of the alphabet in a one-page biography. It's a marvelous, simple idea executed beautifully."--Rebecca Joines Schinsky, *Book Riot*

"Accompanied by brightly colored illustrations, this would be a fantastic book to use in the classroom for Women's History Month. Since the entries are short, teachers could read one a day. What a great book for #WeNeedDiverseBooks." --Karen Yingling, Goodreads Librarian with over 2000 reviews

"From Angela Davis to Zora Neale Hurston, the stories are enlightening, surprising, and moving, and the voice that tells them is sharp. . . . It's a history and a how-to that reminds us how much our foremothers did for us and how much still needs be done."--Zoe Balaconis, *misadventuresmag.com*

"For the future of our budding feminists, read this book to your kids. Read it yourself, even. It's a scant quarter inch thick, with a page for each letter of the alphabet, and beautiful woodblock prints of each rad woman."--Julia Park Tracey, *Sweatpants & Coffee.com*

"Like *Howl*, *Rad American Women* could find itself banned or playing major role in shifting American cultural education. Either way, it stands as an important reminder of the power of language and the importance of fighting for your beliefs, no matter the odds."--Daniel Villarreal, *Unicorn Booty*

"Why just learn your ABCs when you can be empowered by them? A new illustrated children's book

from iconic City Lights press, Rad American Women A-Z, offers kids the chance to educate themselves on women's history and the alphabet at the same time."--Laura Feinstein, Good Magazine"Rad American Women A-Z is a truly inclusive alphabet book for all readers, and even comes with suggested activities, '26 things that you can do to be rad,' a resource guide, books about rad women, further reading, and a list of websites and organizations. Great for home use, this book is also perfect for libraries and classrooms to incorporate into diverse curriculums.

Recommended: Highly, ages 5+."--Yu-Han Chao, Mixed Diversity Reads"This book is perfect for any parent seeking out herstory to add to all the history we are taught. I even learned some tactics for calling out sexism in public spaces."#151;Rhea St Julien, Hip Mama"The introduction to this abecedary asks what it means to be rad, and then explores the many ways women have been radical throughout history: from the Latin meaning 'from the root' to being something out of the ordinary. The book features a multicultural cast of women from Angela Davis to Dolores Huerta to Maya Lin and Wilma Mankiller in careers as varied as comedy, athletics, dance, aviation, ecology, and law. The 26 one-page biographies are well written, readable introductions to these women and how they made an impact on the world. The book ends with an alphabet of 26 things readers can do to be rad, and a resource guide lists books, websites, and organizations of interest to readers who want more information or who want to start making a difference now."--Linda Parsons, Literacy Daily"Rad American Women A-Z and 14 Other Picture Books Adults Will Love Maybe Even More Than Children:" "Rad American Women A-Z: Rebels, Trailblazers, and Visionaries Who Shaped Our History . . . and Our Future! is your typical alphabet-learning picture book, but this time, every letter of the alphabet stands for an American woman that has shaped our history and culture. We're talking people varied from Patti Smith to Zora Neale Hurston to the Grimke Sisters. Basically, it is one badass picture book. And let's just be upfront: I want this book, badly, and I am in no way, shape, or form, a child."--Caitlin White, Bustle"The artwork in this book is very expressive, making the book pop out and causing me to read the book more than I would have without the artwork. The fact that the book an A-Z book was a smart choice because usually A-Z books are like "A for Apple" "B for Banana". We all know fruits, but we don't know about super rad women who shaped our world."--Nadia, San Francisco, CA age 12"I really think that this book should be included in schools, it helps you learn about rad American women and it is important because if you do not know about these women you may never change the world like they did."--Mila, San Francisco, CA, age 9

This is a little gem of a book. Bought it for my 9-year-old niece and she hasn't put it down. What I love are the questions she's been asking me about the women profiled (how did she do that? Why

have I never heard her name before? Isn't this one cool!?!). She's eating up all these stories about powerful women and I hope she internalizes the possibilities they hold up for her. Plus, the layout of this book is just adorable. Makes you want to keep turning the page. Love it.

I homeschool my third-grade daughter and was surprised that I could not find a women's-history-specific homeschool study book for her. We are using this book; I am creating a question-and-answer section. We love this book and bought it for friends' daughters who also love it.

This was fun and educational in one. It's tiny guys and gals and is geared toward younger kids but as a college student I loved it. There were women here that I knew about and women I had never heard of.

Great book about women I knew and a lot I didn't know who have changed history. Should be required reading for every student. Loved the bios and the art work. Bought a second copy as a graduation gift for a friend going to college and majoring in Women's Studies.

Bought this for my daughters, but I can't put it down!! Will be buying this as kid birthday gifts all year!

So thrilled to have this inspiring book to share with my kids. We love the fabulous illustrations. And our favorite letter in the book is X -- "for the women whose names we do not know," ... "for the women whose stories we will never read." What a beautiful contribution.

Such a great book with inspirational stories. I also love the illustrations. FYI its a fairly small guy.

We love this book and have purchased it for many of our friends, girls and boys alike! The stories are empowering and interesting, and it's a nice break for adults from other children's books.

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