# Celebrate Women's History Month!

### **Young Adult Books**



#### Code Name Badass: The True Story of Virginia Hall by Heather Demetrios

When James Bond was still in diapers, Virginia Hall was behind enemy lines, playing a dangerous game of cat and mouse with Hitler's henchmen. Did she have second thoughts after a terrible accident left her needing a wooden leg? Please. Virginia Hall was the baddest broad in any room she walked into. When the State Department proved to be a sexist boys' club that wouldn't let her in, she gave the finger to society's expectations of women and became a spy for the British. This boss lady helped arm and train the French Resistance and organized sabotage missions. There was just one problem: The Butcher of Lyon, a notorious Gestapo commander, was after her. But, hey--Virginia's classmates didn't call her the Fighting Blade for nothing.

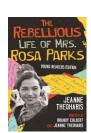


### Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked the World by Pénélope Bagieu

Throughout history and across the globe, one characteristic connects the daring women of Brazen : their indomitable spirit.

With her characteristic wit and dazzling drawings, celebrated graphic novelist Pénélope Bagieu profiles the lives of these feisty female role models, some world famous, some little known. From Nellie Bly to Mae Jemison or Josephine Baker to Naziq al-Abid, the stories in this comic biography are sure to inspire the next generation of rebel ladies.

\*Booklist Starred Review\*



### The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks by Jeanne Theoharis, adapted with Brandy Colbert

Because Rosa Parks was active for 60 years, in the North as well as the South, her story provides a broader and more accurate view of the Black freedom struggle across the twentieth century. Theoharis and Colbert show young people how the national fable of Parks and the civil rights movement-celebrated in schools during Black History Month-has warped what we know about Parks and stripped away the power and substance of the movement. The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks illustrates how the movement radically sought to expose and eradicate racism in jobs, housing, schools, and public services, as well as police brutality and the over-incarceration of Black people-and how Rosa Parks was a key player throughout. \*A Chicago Public Library Best Book of 2021\* \*Kirkus Review's Best YA Biography and Memoir of 2021\*

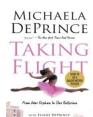


SIMONE BILES

#### Courage To Soar: A Body in Motion, a Life in Balance by Simone Biles and Michelle Burford

There is more to Simone than the nineteen medals--fourteen of them gold--and the Olympic successes. Through years of hard work and determination, she has relied on her faith and family to stay focused and positive, while having fun competing at the highest level and doing what she loves. Here, in her own words, Simone takes you through the events, challenges, and trials that carried her from an early childhood in foster care to a coveted spot on the 2016 Olympic team. Along the way, Simone shares the details of her inspiring personal story--one filled with the kinds of daily acts of courage that led her, and can lead you, to even the most unlikely of dreams.

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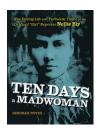


### Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina by Michaela DePrince and Elaine DePrince

The youngest named principal dancer for the Dance Theatre of Harlem traces her rise from orphan in wartorn Sierra Leone to one of America's most accomplished ballerinas, discussing her adoption, training, and high-profile performances. \*Publisher's Weekly Starred Review\*

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## <u>Ten Days a Madwoman: The Daring Life and Turbulent Times of the Original "Girl" Reporter,</u> <u>Nellie Bly</u> by Deborah Noyes



Young Nellie Bly had ambitious goals, especially for a woman at the end of the nineteenth century, when the few female journalists were relegated to writing columns about cleaning or fashion. But fresh off a train from Pittsburgh, Nellie knew she was destined for more and pulled a major journalistic stunt that skyrocketed her to fame: feigning insanity, being committed to the notorious asylum on Blackwell's Island, and writing a shocking expose of the clinic's horrific treatment of its patients. Nellie Bly became a household name as the world followed her enthralling career in "stunt" journalism that raised awareness of political corruption, poverty, and abuses of human rights. Leading an uncommonly full life, Nellie circled the globe in a record seventy-two days and brought home a pet monkey before marrying an aged millionaire and running his company after his death. With its sensational (and true!) plot, Ten Days a Madwoman dares its readers to live as boldly as its remarkable heroine.

### Women in Science: 50 Pioneers Who Changed the World by Rachel Ignotofsky



The New York Times bestseller Women in Science highlights the contributions of fifty notable women to the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) from the ancient to the modern world. The trailblazing women profiled include well-known figures like primatologist Jane Goodall, as well as lesser-known pioneers such as Katherine Johnson, the African-American physicist and mathematician who calculated the trajectory of the 1969 Apollo 11 mission to the moon. Women in Science celebrates the achievements of the intrepid women who have paved the way for the next generation of female engineers, biologists, mathematicians, doctors, astronauts, physicists, and more!

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### Galaxy GIrls: 50 Amazing Stories of Women in Space by Libby Jackson



From Ada Lovelace in the nineteenth century to the "colored computers" behind the Apollo missions, from the astronauts breaking records on the International Space Station to the scientific pioneers blazing the way to Mars, Galaxy Girls goes boldly where few books have gone before, celebrating this band of heroic sisters and their remarkable and often little known scientific achievements. Written by Libby Jackson, a leading British expert in human space flight, and illustrated with striking artwork from the students of London College of Communication, Galaxy Girls will fire the imaginations of trailblazers of all ages.

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### DISSENTER ON THE BENCH RUTH BADER GINSBIRGS GINSBIRGS

### Dissenter on the Bench: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Life and Work by Victoria Ortiz

Dramatically narrated case histories from Justice Ginsburg's stellar career are interwoven with an account of RBG's life--childhood, family, beliefs, education, marriage, legal and judicial career, children, and achievements--and her many-faceted personality is captured. The cases described, many involving young people, demonstrate her passionate concern for gender equality, fairness, and our constitutional rights.

\*A 2020 Sydney Taylor Honor Book\*

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### by Winifred Conkling

In 1934, Irène Curie, working with her husband and fellow scientist, Frederic Joliot, made a discovery that would change the world: artificial radioactivity. Curie shared a Nobel Prize with her husband for their work. But when she was nominated to the French Academy of Sciences, the academy denied her admission and voted to disqualify all women from membership. Four years later, Curie's breakthrough led physicist Lise Meitner to a brilliant leap of understanding that unlocked the secret of nuclear fission. Radioactive! presents the story of two women breaking ground in a male-dominated field, scientists still largely unknown despite their crucial contributions to cutting-edge research, in a nonfiction narrative that reads with the suspense of a thriller.

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