Women’s History

Explore a little “her-story” with one or more of these popular works of historical fiction about real-life women in history.

The Atomic City Girls by Janet Beard “Fans of historical fiction will devour this complex and human look at the people involved in the creation of the atomic bomb.”—Kirkus

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate “This story about children taken from their parents through kidnapping or subterfuge and then placed for adoption, for a price, clearly pours out of Wingate’s heart.”—Huffington Post

Girl Waits with Gun by Amy Stewart “Based on the little-known story of the real Constance Kopp, one of America’s first female deputy sheriffs, ... an entertaining and enlightening story of how far one woman will go to protect her family.”—Washington Post

The Girls in the Picture by Melanie Benjamin “...portrays the affection and friction between [Mary] Pickford and [screenwriter] Frances Marion with compassion and insight.”—Washington Post

The Indigo Girl by Natasha Boyd “Boyd's first historical novel captivates on every level, refreshingly crafting the 18th-century world of real-life Eliza Lucas Pinckney.”—Library Journal

Little Deaths by Emma Flint “This is absolutely absorbing literary crime fiction, perfect for fans of Megan Abbott and Sarah Waters.”—Booklist (starred review)

Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly “should appeal strongly to historical fiction readers and to book clubs that adored Kristin Hannah’s The Nightingale...”—Library Journal

The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman “Alice Hoffman’s fictionalized biography of Rachel Pissarro’s life is an evocative, sensitive and historically rich portrayal of a woman living ahead of her time.”—Booklist (starred review)

The Other Alcott by Elise Hooper “...comes alive in its development of the relationship between Louisa and [her younger sister] May.”—The New York Times

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