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“Young women looking for inspiration will surely find it” (*Booklist*) in these profiles of forty-six movers and shakers who made their mark before they turned twenty.

This fun and inspiring collection of influential stories provides forty-six illustrated examples of strong, independent female role models, all of whom first impacted the world as teenagers or younger. Originally published in two volumes over a decade ago, this fully updated and expanded edition of *Girls Who Rocked the World* spans a variety of achievements, interests, and backgrounds, from Harriet Tubman and Coco Chanel to S.E. Hinton and Maya Lin—each with her own incredible story of how she created life-changing opportunities for herself and the world. Personal aspirations from today’s young women are interspersed throughout the book, which also includes profiles of teenagers who are rocking the world right now—girls like Winter Vinecki, the creator of the nonprofit organization Team Winter, and Jazmin Whitley, the youngest designer to show at L.A. Fashion Week.

It’s never too soon to start making a difference, and these exhilarating examples of girl power in action make for ideal motivation.

## **Girls Who Rocked the World: Heroines from Joan of Arc to Mother Teresa Details**

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## **From Reader Review Girls Who Rocked the World: Heroines from Joan of Arc to Mother Teresa for online ebook**

### **Jaime Leroy says**

This book has famous women from the beginning of time to today. Everything from scientists and presidents to authors and queens, this book has it all. Each person mentioned has two to six pages discussing their lives and how they went about achieving their dreams. I think it is great for kids to learn about people who followed their dreams and I love the little boxes of "How Will You Rock The World?" where kids put how they plan to make a difference. I love the idea of this book and I think my students will enjoy it as well.

I would have liked to see a few more modern names to interest my girls.

Suitability: Grades 6 and up

Recommendation: Highly Recommend

Illustrations: Little caricatures of each person Effectiveness: Effective

Other Special Features: Recommended resources (books, articles, websites, and movies), endnotes

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Would you purchase this book? Yes Why? Great compiled biographies

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### **Emily Willsher says**

I got this book as a stocking present from my mum over Christmas. I thought that it was going to be aimed at my age group, however shortly after starting the book I realised it was probably more aimed at young girls aged 9-15. However, I still really enjoyed it and it only took a couple of days to read.

The book is an anthology of stories about important women throughout history who made an impact at a young age. I think that it could really inspire young girls and show them a range of things that women in the past have excelled in, that they too could pursue.

Nearly all the stories were about women I had never heard of so it was really informative and interesting. The book focused mainly on women from Europe/USA. They weren't completely limited to these regions, with some interesting people from around the world featured including Queen S?lote Tupou III, Hatshepsut and Indira Ghandi. However, it would have been more inspiring to a wider range of girls to have a little more diversity.

I liked the structure of the stories which usually started with a fictional snippet written in a biographical format to put you in the shoes of the women being discussed. It then gave lots of factual information about

her. Each chapter then finished with a quote from a young girl with her plans of how she is going to rock the world. It was really inspiring to hear how much girls right now really want to have a positive impact on the world.

The book was overall an excellent read – a great way to end an excellent year of reading. There were a lot of women featured so not much time was devoted to each one, however if you want to read more about any of the women there is a list of resources at the back where you can find out more. I would highly recommend this book – it would make a great gift to any young girls in your family.

Review originally posted on my blog: <https://emilyjadebooks.wordpress.com/>

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### **Susan Barnes says**

I discovered this book in my local library. I was looking for biographies I could use in my Chaplaincy role at a primary school. It's a fascinating read. There are 42 stories of girls who have made a significant impact in lots of different fields. The wide variety of locations, historical settings and backgrounds makes for a smorgasbord of experiences. All the girls had to overcome obstacles, whether they were prejudices, poverty, lack of education or family expectations. They all showed amazing determination and perseverance.

The authors chose girls who had seriously started to have an impact by the time they were twenty. This criteria meant a lot of significant females were left out, especially those whose achievements required years of study. Nevertheless even with this strict criteria the number of remarkable accomplishments especially in those so young is amazing.

Each story is only a few pages long so it is suitable to read to children or have them read it themselves. Some stories deal with quite horrific events such as war but these were well handled by the authors, neither going into unnecessary details but not ignoring the trauma either. My favourite stories were Hatshepsut, Sacagawea, Florence Nightingale, Coco Chanel, Golda Meir and Anne Frank.

An excellent read.

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### **Jada says**

Girls Who Rocked the World is an amazing book that I'm currently reading, I personally love this book because it's all about women who made a difference and changed the way women live in now with our, freedom, and peace, and have equal rights. And there are so many women that had made a difference in the world that I didn't even know about just like The Trung Sisters, Phillis Wheatley, Joan of Arc, and Florence Nightingale and she is very interesting, and there are so much more people that I didn't know about that are now very interesting. And I am loving this book right, and after this book I am going to start this other book called "Boys Who Rocked the World" which is the same thing but it's boys who made a difference in the world we now live in. And I hope you guys will choose to read this book and give it a 5 stars, also this book is for BOYS AND GIRLS, NOT JUST GIRLS. Enjoy ;)

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### **Gustavo.M says**

Girls who rocked the world is about women who did something important that make them . I recommend this book to people who want to know about the world and what made them important. I give this book a 7 out of 10 .

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### **Maria Waltner says**

Good mix of cultural, racial and throughout time - liked that they chose women who started making contributions when they were still teens which offered up some names and stories that I did not already know. I would recommend this to any of the strong-willed young women I know.

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### **16sadiea says**

Have you ever heard of the Trung sisters or Sacagawea? These are just a couple of the women who changed the world. For my genre du Jour, I read the non-fiction book Girls Who Rocked the World by Michelle Roehm McCann and Amelie Welden.

This is a historical non-fiction book. Non-fiction means real events that actually took place in the world. This book has a lot of short chapters that explain how different female heroes made an impact on the world. I like how the book had an index so that I could figure out who I wanted to learn about without having to read the book cover to cover. I think the book had a lot of fun and informational facts. At the beginning of each chapter, there was a quote from the hero of that chapter. I wish they would have made the chapters longer so I could have learned more.

My favorite chapter was about the Trung sisters and how they were the only two women to fight for China in a war against Vietnam. Everyone said it was unladylike, but they still did it. They did not care what people thought. They wanted to do what was right. Every woman described in the book did what they thought was right. They did not worry about what other people thought.

I would recommend this book to teenage girls who want to make an impact on the world. The people who you will read about are people who wanted to make an impact when they were your age and they did make an impact when they grew up. When you are older, do you want to make an impact on our world?

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### **Cami says**

I wasn't sure about this book at first but it grew on me and I found myself researching more about several of these awesome women. I had checked it out of the library to see if it would be a good book to read to my kids and enjoyed the stories enough to buy the book. We're going to go through them together (my 9- and 7-

year-old girls and myself). I didn't love the overtly girly/feminist language in some places but the stories are definitely inspiring and just having a few pages on a person is enough to learn without getting overwhelmed. It's a great introduction to many parts of history and gives many strong female role models to learn about.

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### **Ellie says**

This book was amazing. It was a good pick up and put down book that I read over the course of about a month and a half. More than half of the women in this book I had never heard of and I enjoyed learning about strong female leaders throughout history. The author did a terrific job of researching this book.

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### **Clare says**

5 out of 5 stars.

This book was so informative and well-written.

I really recommend picking this book up, especially if you are someone who has a young daughter. Read it, educate yourself of these wonderful females throughout history, and share it with your daughters (and sons, because the more we teach young kids that gender plays no part in success the better life will be). Show young girls that there are kids just like them who changed the freaking world!

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### **Maria says**

I loved the mixture of narrative writing style, short biographies, and information about current girls who are rocking the world.

It was nice to see women represented from all around the world, throughout time, and in many different fields (science, sports, literature, music, etc). The focus on women who began their paths before age 20 was a great hook, and hopefully will help convince the kids reading the book that it is never too soon to make a difference.

This is a great introduction to the lives of many women - which may spark students to try to find out more about them. The bibliography at the end is a resource I'll use to find more books about some of my favorite women.

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### **Lili Maycock says**

This book was fun to read and had many detailed and inspirational stories but if you don't like non-fiction books you would probably not like this book.

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## **Amanda Roddey says**

McCann, M.R., & Welden, A. (2008). Girls who rocked the world. New York, NY: Aladdin.

Target Audience: Grades 5-8

Girls Who Rocked the World first opens up with an amazing quote about how women can make great history, just like their male counterparts. This book is an inspirational compilation of stories about women who have made huge impacts on today before they were even 20 years old. Every reader is able to relate to these stories and find one role model. The book describes 17-year old Joan of Arc having to dress as a man in order to meet the king as well as Wilma Rudolph becoming the fastest female of her time despite the illnesses she faced.

While reading this book you become heartbroken to hear of the obstacles these women faced only to turn that into adrenaline as you cheerlead while reading about how they persevered nonetheless. This book is an asset when letting young girls know that no matter what comes in their way, they can push through to show the world they're special.

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## **Caterpickles says**

Girls Who Rocked the World is a collection of short biographies of women such as Harriet Tubman, Hatshepsut, Joan of Arc, Sacagawea, Mary Anning, and Anne Frank, whose actions as teenagers shaped their country and in some cases, history. Within these pages, you'll find abolitionists, inventors, physicists, nurses, activists, warriors, and fossil hunters. There are fashion designers, actresses, ballerinas, poets, musicians, and sculptors. There are queens and pharaohs, professions closed to The Eight-Year-Old, but there are also novelists, archaeologists, doctors, and scientists — all professions still firmly on the table. The biographies are brief and engaging. Some literary liberties have been taken to make them so, but the authors tell their readers right up front that they have imagined the context around the factual events to keep their readers' interest, and I'm ok with that.

Read the original post on Caterpickles.

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## **Dayan Cruz says**

This was a really good book. It taught me so much about different people like Florence Nightingale and even Queen Nefertiti. It gives you a small biography of each person in the book such as Coco Chanel. It tells you their birth, death, accomplishments and much more. After reading this book I knew so many new things that I didn't know already. Even though some people in the book might not seem interesting they might just surprise you. I recommend this book to people who like to learn about amazing women and biographies.

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