

Amelia Bloomer Project
List of Recommended Feminist Books for Youth
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PICTURE BOOK/BEGINNING READERS

FICTION

Baguley, Elizabeth. *Meggie Moon*. Il. Gregoire Mabire. 2005. unp. Good Books, \$16.00 (1-56148-474-1). PreS-Gr. 2. When Meggie Moon walks through the gate to the junkyard and demands equality, Digger and Tiger, who never play with girls, learn that girls have brilliant ideas for adventurous games. *Alden 4th Fl Children's PZ7.B1422 Me 2005*

Best, Cari. *Sally Jean, the Bicycle Queen*. Il by Christine Davenier. 2006. 32p. Melanie Kroupa books/Farrar Straus Giroux, \$16.00 (0-374-36386-2). Ages 3-7. When Sally Jean outgrows her faithful bicycle and her parents can't afford to buy her a replacement, she uses her knowledge and ingenuity to build a new one. *Alden 4th Fl Children's PZ7.B46575 Sal 2006*

Brett, Jan. *Daisy Comes Home*. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2002. \$16.95. unp. ISBN 0-399-23618-X. Grades K-3. Daisy, one of Mei Mei's six Happy Hens, goes from being pecked-on by the other hens to equality after her adventures down the Lei River. *Alden 4th Fl Children's PZ10.3.B7556 Dai 2002*

Bridges, Shirlin Yin. *Ruby's Wish*. Illustrated by Sophe Blackall. Chronicle Books, 2002. \$15.95. unp. ISBN 0-8118-3490-5. Grades PreS-3. Instead of aspiring to get married, Ruby, who lives in 19th Century China, wants to attend university, and persuades her grandfather to grant her wish. *Zanesville Juvenile Coll. PZ7.B75234 Ru 2002Z*

Bunting, Eve. *Girls A to Z*. Illus. by Suzanne Bloom. Boyds Mills Press, 2002. \$15.95. unp. ISBN 1-56397-147-X. Grades PreS-2. Bright, imaginative illustrations depict preschool-age girls dreaming about careers from A to Z. *Alden 4th Fl Children's PZ8.3.B92 Gi 2002*

Corey, Shana. *Players in Pigtails*. Illus. by Rebecca Gibbon. 2003. unp. Scholastic, \$16.95 (0-439-18305-7). PreS- Gr. 3. Katie Casey, who "preferred sliding to sewing, batting to baking," was one of the first recruits for the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. *Lancaster Child.Lit/Lower PZ7.C8155 Pl 2003*

Cotten, Cynthia. *Abbie in Stitches*. Il. Beth Peck. 2006. unp. Farrar Straus Giroux, \$16.00 (0-374-30004-6). PreS-Gr. 2. In the early 1820's in western New York, six-year-old Abbie is forced to learn needlework and declares that when she is grown, "I'll have books instead of needles and threads and read as much as I like." *Alden 4th Fl Children's PZ7.C82865 Ab 2006*

Falconer, Ian. *Olivia Saves the Circus*. Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Anne Schwartz, 2001. unp.: illus. (0-689-82954-X). Imaginative and intrepid, Olivia exudes confidence as she accessorizes her school uniform and embellishes her report about summer vacation. *Alden 4th Fl PZ7.F1865 Om 2001*

Faulkner, Matt. *The Pirate Meets the Queen*. 2005. unp. Philomel, \$15.99 (0-399-24038-1). Gr. K-2. Sail through the life of Irish pirate Granuaile "Granny" O'Malley, from sneaking aboard her father's ship to confronting Queen Elizabeth after "Granny's" son is captured by the English. *Alden 4th Fl PZ7.F2765 Pi 2005*

Funke, Cornelia. *The Princess Knight*. Illus. by Kerstin Meyer. 2004. unpub. Scholastic/Chicken House, \$15.95 (0-439-53630-8). Gr. K-3. The young princess Violetta proves strength is not measured by size alone. *Eastern Child. Lit. PZ7.F96624 Pr 2004*

Funke, Cornelia. *Princess Pigsty*. il. by Kerstin Meyer. trans. by Chantal Wright. 2007. unpub. Chicken House/Scholastic, \$16.99 (978-0-439-88554-6/ 0-439-88554-X). PreK-2. Princess Isabella prefers scrubbing pots and feeding pigs to the boring life of a pampered, protected princess. *On order 2/2008*.

Geeslin, Campbell. *Elena's Serenade*. Illus. by Ana Juan. 2004. unpub. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, \$16.95 (0-689-84908-7). Pres-Gr. 2. Following her dream of being a glassblower, a young Mexican girl learns this magical skill on an enchanted journey to Monterey. *Alden 4th Fl Children's PZ7.G25845 El 2004*

Hill, Susanna Leonard. *Punxsutawney Phyllis*. Illus. by Jeffrey Ebbeler. 2005. Holiday House, \$16.95 (0-8234-1872-3). PresS-Gr.2. PZ7.H55743 Pu 2005 Courageous woodchuck Phyllis aspires to be the next official weather-predicting groundhog despite the fact that it's always been a male job. *Lancaster PZ7.H55743 Pu 2005*.

Karr, Kathleen. *Mama Went to Jail for the Vote*. Illus. by Malene Laugeson. 2005. unpub. Hyperion Books for Children, \$16.95 (0-7868-0593-5). Gr. 2-4. Susan Elizabeth watches her mother protest for women's suffrage by picketing, being jailed, and then telling President Wilson that women could be better citizens through voting than being in jail. *Chillicothe Music Room PZ7.K149 M2 2005*

Kessler, Christina. *The Best Bee-Keeper of Lalibela*. Il. Leonard Jenkins. 2006. unpub. Holiday House, \$16.95 (0-8234-1858-8). PreS-Gr. 2. In the mountains of Ethiopia, a young girl vows that her honey will be the best in the land despite being told that making honey is men's work; using her brain she finds a way to prove them all wrong. *Alden 4th Fl Children's PZ7.K4824 Bes 2006*

Lasky, Kathryn. *First Painter*. Paintings by Rocco Baviera. DK Ink, 2000. unpub.: illus. (0-7894-2578-5). Exquisite watercolors combined with earth and animal materials capture the birth of the artistic imagination as young Mishoo creates cave paintings to save her prehistoric clan from starvation and drought by catching a spirit. *Eastern Child. Lit. PZ7.L3274 Fi 2000*

Lipp, Frederick. *The Caged Birds of Phnom Penh*. Illustrated by Ronald Himler. Holiday House, 2001. unpub.: illus. (0-8234-1534-1). A young Cambodian girl longs to buy and free a caged bird to fulfill her wishes for a better life for her family, but first she must learn to select the right bird, the one that chooses freedom instead of returning to its cage. *Alden 4th Fl Children's PZ7.L6645 Cag 2001*

LittleSugarcake, Amy. *Freedom School, Yes!* Illustrated by Floyd Cooper. Philomel Books, 2001. unpub.: illus. (0-399-23006-8). Burning down the church where Freedom School fighters teach kids and adults about Black heritage during the summer of 1964 doesn't stop its small Southern community, and one young girl named Jolie learns about fear and courage. *Alden 4th Fl Children's PZ7.L7362 Fr 2001*

McClintock, Barbara. *Dahlia*. Farrar, 2002. \$16.00. unpub. ISBN 0-374-31678-3. Grades PreS-2. What will Aunt Edme say when she finds out Charlotte and Dahlia, a delicate doll she gave Charlotte as a gift, have been playing in the mud and climbing trees? *Alden 4th Fl Children's PZ7.M1332 Dah 2002*

Newman, Leslea. *A Fire Engine for Ruthie*. Illus. by Cyd Moore. 2004. unpub. Clarion Books. \$16.00 (0-618-15989-4). PreS-Gr. 2. Ruthie's eagerness to play with trains and fire engines rather than have tea parties and dress up causes Nana to re-think her cultural stereotypes and enjoy her granddaughter's choices. *Alden 4th Fl Childrne's PZ7.N47988 Fi 2004*

Plourde, Lynne. *School Picture Day*. Illustrated by Thor Wickstrum. Dutton, 2002. \$16.99. unpaginated. ISBN 0-525-46886-2. Grades K-3. More interested in the mechanics of the bus gearshift and the school heating system than in dressing up for school picture day, Josephina Caroleena Wattasheena saves the day when the photographer's camera stops working. *Alden 4th Fl Children's PZ7.P724 Sc 2002*

Richards, Beah E. *Keep Climbing, Girls*. Il. R. Gregory Christie. 2006. unpaginated. Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, \$15.95 (1-4169-0264-3). PreS-Gr. 2. Girls are urged to "keep climbing," in spite of warnings, as the way to achieve equality in this picture-book version of Richards' 1951 poem. *Alden 4th Fl Children's PS3568.I31515 K44 2006*

Shannon, Margaret. *The Red Wolf*. Houghton, 2002. \$15.00. unpaginated. 0-618-05544-4. Grades K-3. Locked up for safekeeping in a tall, stony tower, Princess Roselupin escapes by knitting herself a magical wolf suit and guarantees her freedom when she knits her father a pair of mousy-looking pajamas. *Alden 4th Fl Children's PZ8.S3365 Re 2002*

Whelan, Gloria. *Yatandou*. il. by Peter Sylvada. 2007. 32p. Sleeping Bear, \$17.95 (1-5852-6211-0). Gr. K-2. To help the women in her Mali village earn an income, eight-year-old Yatandou sells her beloved goat to help purchase a machine to grind grain.

Willis, Jeanne. *I Want to be a Cowgirl*. Illustrated by Tony Ross. Holt, 2002. \$15.95. unpaginated. 0-8050-6997-6. Grades PreS-2. "I don't want to be a girly girl" is the cry of a child who lives in a high-rise city apartment and dreams of doing "the kinds of things/A cowgirl likes to do." *Alden 4th Fl Children's PZ8.3.W6799 Iae 2002*

Woodson, Jacqueline; illustrations by E. B. Lewis. *The Other Side*. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2001. unpaginated; illus. (0-399-23116-1). The fence that separates the black side of town from the white side is less of a barrier when one daring girl climbs to the top, invites the girl on the other side to join her, and finds that they have lots of company. *Alden 4th Fl Children's PZ7.W868 Th 2001*

NONFICTION

Atkins, Jeannine. *Anne Hutchinson's Way*. il. by Michael Dooling. 2007. unpaginated. Farrar Strauss Giroux, \$17.00 (978-0-374-30365-5/ 0-374-30365-7). PreK-Gr. 3. Susanna tells the story of her mother, Anne Hutchinson, a pioneer for religious freedom who ministered equally to men and women despite social and political opposition. *Alden 4th Fl Children's PZ7.A8634 Ann 2007*

Barasch, Lynne. *Hiromi's Hands*. 2007. unpaginated. Lee & Low Books. \$17.95 (978-1-58430-275-9). K-3. Hiromi Suzuki follows her dream and defies tradition to become one of the first female sushi chefs in New York. *Alden 4th Fl Children's TX649.S89 B37 2007*

Borden, Louise, and Mary Kay Kroeger. *Fly High! The Story of Bessie Coleman*. Illustrated by Teresa Flavin. Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2001. unpaginated; illus. (0-689-82457-2). Determined to be somebody when she grows up, Bessie Coleman leaves her life as a cotton-picker in Texas in the early 1900s to become the first African American to earn a pilot's license. *Alden 4th Fl Children's TL540.C646 B67 2001*

Bower, Tamara. *How the Amazon Queen Fought the Prince of Egypt*. 2005. 40p. Atheneum, \$16.95 (0-689-84434-4). Gr. 3-6. Queen Serpot and her women warriors battle against Prince Pedikons and his Egyptian soldiers in this retelling of a little-known tale. *Alden 4th Fl Children's PZ7.B6756 Ho 2005*

Brown, Don. *A Voice from the Wilderness: The Story of Anna Howard Shaw*. Houghton Mifflin, 2001. unpaginated; illus. (0-618-08362-6). From her childhood hacking out a life in the Michigan wilderness to her

graduation from college as a minister and doctor, Anna Howard Shaw lived as a pioneer before she battled for woman suffrage. *LANC Child.Lit JK1899.S6 B76 2001 (can be requested from OU-Lancaster)*

Brown, Don. ***Far Beyond the Garden Gate: Alexandra David-Neel's Journey to Lhasa***. Houghton Mifflin, 2002. \$16.00. unp. ISBN 0-618-08364-2. Grades 3-6. Braving ice, snow, an unknown culture and a new language, Alexandra David-Neel became the first European woman to reach the famed city of Lhasa in 1924. *Alden 4th Fl Children's DS797.82.L45 D384 2002*

Burgan, Michael. ***The 19th Amendment***. [We the People Series] 2006. 48p. Compass Point Books, \$18.95 (0-7565-1260-3). Gr. 3-5. Illustrations highlight the simple history of the suffrage movement and its courageous key players. *Alden 4th Fl Children's KF4895.Z9 B78 2006*

Chin-Lee, Cynthia. ***Amelia to Zora: Twenty-six Women Who Changed the World***. Illus. by Megan Halsey and Sean Addy. 2005. 32p. Charlesbridge Publishers, \$15.95 (1-57091-522-9). Gr. K-4. From well-known Oprah Winfrey to lesser known Nawal El Sadaawi, 26 extraordinary women are spotlighted in this richly illustrated, mixed media picture book. *Alden 4th Fl Children's CT3207.C49 2005*

Christensen, Bonnie. ***The Daring Nellie Bly: America's Star Reporter***. Illus. 2003. unp. Knopf Books for Young Readers, \$16.95 (0-375-81568-6). PreS-Gr. 3. Enraged by an article that claimed any woman who had a job was "a monstrosity," Elizabeth Jane Cochran wrote a letter of protest and became the famous journalist Nellie Bly, the reformer, best known for her trip around the world in 72 days. *Alden 4th Fl Children's PN4874.C59 C49 2003*

Grimes, Nikki. ***Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman***. Illustrated by E. B. Lewis. Scholastic/Orchard, 2002. \$16.95. 48 p. ISBN 439-35243-6. Grades 3-6. In a variety of voices in poetic form, Bessie Coleman's friends and family tell how she didn't let poverty, racism and gender discrimination prevent her from realizing her dreams of flying. Coretta Scott King Award winner. *Alden 4th Fl Children's TL540.C546 G75 2002x*

Hopkinson, Deborah. ***Girl Wonder***. Illus. by Terry Widener. 2003. unp. Simon & Schuster, \$16.95 (0-689-83300-8). Gr. K-3. Bold illustrations depict the saga of baseball pioneer pitcher Alta Weiss. *Alden 4th Fl Children's PZ7.H778125 Gi 2003*

Hubbard, Crystal. ***Catching the Moon: The Story of a Young Girl's Baseball Dream***. Illus. by Randy DuBurke. 2005. 32p. Lee and Low, \$16.95 (1-58430-243-7). PreS-Gr. 3. African-American Marcenia Lyle defies the narrow expectations for young women of her time to become Toni Stone, the first woman to play for a professional baseball team. *Alden 4th Fl Children's GV865.S86 H83 2005*

Kay, Verla. ***Rough, Tough Charley***. il. by Adam Gustavson. 2007. unp. Tricycle Press, \$15.95 (978-1-582-46184-8). PreK-Gr. 2. Charley Parkhurst concealed her female identity to become a notable stagecoach driver and cast the first vote by a woman in 1868 Wyoming—one year before women there were officially permitted to vote. *On order 2/2008*.

Lakin, Patricia. ***Abigail Adams: First Lady of the American Revolution***. Il. Bob Dacey and Debra Bandelin. [Ready-to-Read, Level 3] 2006. 48p. Aladdin, \$3.99 (0-689-87032-9). Gr. 2-4. Abigail Adams, a strong, intelligent woman, helped shape the early history of the United States, influenced two of our nation's presidents, managed the family farm and became a clever business woman. *Alden 4th Fl Children's E322.1.A38 L35 2006*

Love, D. Anne. ***Of Numbers and Stars: The Story of Hypatia***. Il by Pam Paporone. 2006. unp. Holiday House, \$16.95 (0-8234-1621-6). PreS-Gr. 2. The most famous and influential mathematician and philosopher of ancient Alexandria, Egypt was Hypatia, a woman. *Alden 4th Fl Children's QA29.H88 L68 2006*

Mannis, Celeste Davidson. ***Julia Morgan Built a Castle***. 2006. unpub. Viking, \$17.99 (0-670-05964-1). K-Gr. 3. In the late nineteenth century, Julia Morgan fought discrimination and followed her dreams to become California's first licensed woman architect and design over 800 buildings, including William Randolph Hurst's magnificent castle, San Simeon. *Alden 4th Fl Children's NA737.M68 M36 2006*

McCully, Emily Arnold. ***Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight became an Inventor***. 2006. unpub. Holiday House, \$16.00 (0-374-34810-3). K-Gr. 3. Margaret Knight's passion for experiments inspired her invention of a paper-bag-making machine that she successfully patents in spite of male opposition in the nineteenth century. *Alden 4th Fl Children's T40.K55 M37 2006*

Mora, Pat. ***A Library for Juana: The World of Sor Juana Ines***. Illus. by Beatrice Vidal. 2002. unpub. Knopf Books for Young Readers, \$15.95 (0375806438). Gr. 2-5. Luminous illustrations highlight this picture book biography of the 17th-century Mexican poet who, at the age of three, followed her sisters to school and continued learning for the rest of her life. *Alden 4th Fl Children's PQ7296.J6 Z6993 2002*

Moss, Marissa. ***Brave Harriet***. Illustrated by C. F. Payne. Harcourt/Silver Whistle, 2001. unpub.: illus. (0-15-202380-1). In the early days of aviation, people said that a woman couldn't fly solo across the English Channel, so Harriet Quimby did it and made history in 1912! *Alden 4th Fl Children's TL540.Q496 M67 2001*

Moss, Marissa. ***Mighty Jackie: The Strikeout Queen***. Illus. by C.F. Payne. 2004. unpub. Simon and Schuster, \$16.95 (0-689-86329-2). Gr. K-3 Jackie Mitchell, an 18-year-old baseball pitcher, plays against the legendary heroes Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig--with surprising results. *Alden 4th Fl Children's GV865.M53 M67 2004*

Munsch, Robert. ***Paper Bag Princess: the Story Behind the Story***. 25th Anniversary Edition. Il. Michael Martchenko. 2005. 64p. Annick Press, \$19.95 (1-55037-915-1). Gr. 3-6. Princess Elizabeth, the shero who defeated the dragon and rescued Prince Ronald, celebrates 25 years of publication and continues to inspire children around the world. *Alden 4th Fl Children's PZ7.M927 Pap 2005x*

Rockwell, Anne. ***Only Passing Through: The Story of Sojourner Truth***. Illustrated by R. Gregory Chase. Alfred A. Knopf, 2000. unpub.: illus. (0-679-89186-2). Modern illustrations in the style of African American folk art dramatically illustrate Sojourner Truth's struggle under slavery and her fight for freedom for herself and all African Americans and women. Coretta Scott King honor book. *Alden 4th Fl Children's E185.97.T8 R63 2000*

Rockwell, Anne. ***They Called her Molly Pitcher***. Illustrated by Cynthia von Buhler. Knopf, 2002. \$15.95. unpub. 0-679-89187-0. Grades 1-3. Molly Hayes, wife of one of George Washington's generals, takes an active role during the Battle of Monmouth in 1778. *Alden 4th Fl Children's E241.M7 R63 2002*

Slade, Suzanne. ***Susan B. Anthony Fighter for Freedom and Equality***. il. by Craig Orback. 2007. 24p. Picture Window Books, \$23.93 (978-1-4048-3104-9/ 1-4048-3104-5). Gr. 1-3. Susan B. Anthony fought for equality, including fair pay and opportunity for women.

Shea, Pegi Deitz. ***Patience Wright: America's First Sculptor and Revolutionary Spy***. il. by Bethanne Andersen. 2007. unpub. Henry Holt and Company, \$17.95 (978-0-8050-6770-5/ 0-8050-6770-1). Gr. 1-3. While collecting clients in her wax sculpting business in the American Colonies and Great Britain, Patience Wright served as one of the most effective spies in the American Revolution, helping to change the course of battles. *Alden 4th Fl Children's NB237.W75 S53 2007*

White, Linda Arms. *I Could Do That! Esther Morris Gets Women the Vote*. Illus. by Nancy Carpenter. 2005. unp. Farrar, Straus, Giroux, \$16.00. (0-374335273). Gr. 2-4. "I could do that," said Esther Morris and she did that—from helping women gain the right to vote in Wyoming to being the first woman to hold public office in the United States. *Alden 4th Fl Children's JK1899.M67 M55 2005*

Winter, Jeanette. *The Librarian of Basra : A True Story of Basra*. 2005. unp. Harcourt, \$16.00 (0-15-205445-6). PreS-Gr. 2. Through brilliant illustrations and poetic language, Winter portrays the heroic efforts of Chief Librarian Alia Muhammad Baker to rescue the books in the Central library in Basra, Iraq, during the 2003 invasion. *Alden 4th Fl Children's Z720.B24 W56 2005*

Wooldridge, Connie Nordhielm. *When Esther Morris Headed West: Women, Wyoming, and the Right to Vote*. Illustrated by Jacqueline Rogers. Holiday House, 2001. unp.: illus. (0-8234-1597-X). Esther Morris, a large woman with ideas to match, finds her place in frontier Wyoming when she gets elected to office after women win the right to vote in the state in 1869. *Alden 4th Fl Children's JK1899.M67 W99 2001*