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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

This Women's History Month, we are highlighting some remarkable women whose accomplishments we hope will inspire you to dream big and fight for the less fortunate. Visit www.WomensHistory.org to continue learning.

RUTH BADER GINSBURG

March 15, 1933 - Sept. 18, 2020

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

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Justice Ginsburg loved opera. She once said, "If I had any talent that God could give me, I would be a great diva." She's been an extra in productions, but she made her first official opera debut in 2016 in a speaking role as the Duchess of Krakenthorp in "The Daughter of the Regiment" at the Washington National Opera.

Justice Ginsburg was the second woman and the first Jewish woman ever appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. She was appointed in 1993 when she was 60 years old. Her steadfast fight for women's legal rights made her a feminist icon.

Justice Ginsburg championed women's and gay rights, and fought for the poor and other marginalized groups. She was lead counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Women's Rights Project and was the first Supreme Court Justice to officiate at a same-sex marriage ceremony.

STACEY ABRAMS

Born December 9, 1973

POLITICIAN
VOTING RIGHTS ACTIVIST

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In the early 2000s, Abrams published romance suspense novels under the pen name Selena Montgomery. You can find her books on Amazon.

Stacey Abrams served in the Georgia House of Representatives from 2006 to 2017. She became the first woman to lead either party in the Georgia General Assembly in 2010, a role she held for seven years. In 2018, Stacey Abrams was just 55,000 votes shy of becoming the first Black woman governor of Georgia.

Abrams' 2018 gubernatorial loss reignited the debate over Georgia's long history of voter suppression. She created Fair Fight, a voter protection and education organization. Due to her work in mobilizing voters, she is credited with helping to flip Georgia's two Senate seats for the Democrats in 2021.
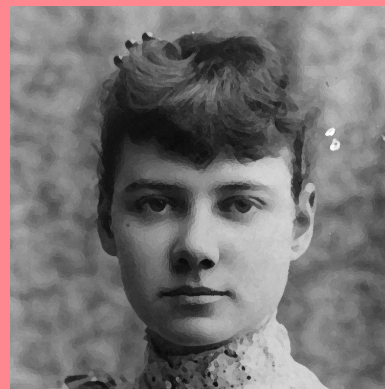
NADIA MURAD

Born 1993

HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST

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Murad was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, in 2018, alongside Dr. Denis Mukwege for their work "to end sexual violence as a weapon of war and armed conflict." She is the first Iraqi and first Yazidi to receive a Nobel Prize.

Murad is Yazidi, a Kurdish ethnic and religious minority that were victims of genocide by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIS). In 2014, ISIS attacked Murad's village, killed hundreds of men (including her brothers and mom) and held thousands of girls and women, including Murad and her relatives, captive for months as sex slaves. In 2017, she published her memoir "The Last Girl: My Story of Captivity, and My Fight Against the Islamic State."

Murad donated the entirety of her Nobel Peace Prize money to the Sinjar Action Fund (SAF), which advances reconstruction efforts in Sinjar, Iraq. SAF is an initiative of Murad's nonprofit organization Nadia's Initiative, which advocates for victims of sexual violence and rebuilds communities in crisis.

NELLIE BLY

May 5, 1864 – Jan. 27, 1922

JOURNALIST

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Nellie Bly was born Elizabeth Cochran Seaman. Seaman took the pseudonym "Nellie" to go undercover as an investigative journalist in the 1880s.

In addition to being lauded for her hands-on approach to journalism, Bly was also well-known for traveling around the world in only 72 days. She was inspired to do the trip after reading the popular book "Around the World in 80 Days." Bly held the world record for a few months.

Bly is most known for exposing the abuse and neglect endured by patients with mental illness. In 1887, she feigned insanity to infiltrate the asylum on Blackwell's Island (now Roosevelt Island) in New York and wrote "Ten Days in a Madhouse" about her experience. Her investigative journalism inspired hospital and asylum reforms across the country.