Smithsonian American Women
Subtitle: Remarkable Objects and Stories of Strength, Ingenuity, and Vision from the National Collection
Smithsonian Institution

TARGET CONSUMER: Ideal for those intrigued by women's stories lost to history as well as new insights into well-known trailblazers

An inspiring and surprising celebration of U.S. women's history told through Smithsonian artifacts illustrating women's participation in science, art, music, sports, fashion, business, religion, entertainment, military, politics, activism, and more.

This book offers a unique, panoramic look at women's history in the United States through the lens of ordinary objects from, by, and for extraordinary women. Featuring more than 280 artifacts from 16 Smithsonian museums and archives, and more than 135 essays from 95 Smithsonian authors, this book tells women's history as only the Smithsonian can.

Featured objects range from fine art to computer code, from First Ladies memorabilia to Black Lives Matter placards, and from Hopi pottery to a couch from the Oprah Winfrey show. There are familiar objects--such as the suffrage wagon used to advocate passage of the 19th Amendment and the Pussy Hat from the 2016 Women's March in DC--as well as lesser known pieces revealing untold stories. Portraits, photographs, paintings, political materials, signs, musical instruments, sports equipment, clothes, letters, ads, personal possessions, and other objects reveal the incredible stories of such amazing women as Phillis Wheatley, Julia Child, Sojourner Truth, Mary Cassatt, Madam C. J. Walker, Amelia Earhart, Eleanor Roosevelt, Mamie Till Mobley, Dolores Clara Fernández Huerta, Phyllis Diller, Celia Cruz, Sandra Day O'Connor, Billie Jean King, Sylvia Rivera, and so many more.

Together with illuminating text, these objects elevate the importance of American women in the home, workplace, government, and beyond. Published to commemorate the centennial of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote, Smithsonian American Women is a deeply satisfying read and a must-have reflection on how generations of women have defined what it means to be recognized in both the nation and the world.

- BRINGS READERS INSIDE THE HISTORY: Makes history personal and powerful, inviting readers to join these women, to create with them, march with them, act with them, and achieve with them.
- TIMELY TOPIC: Recent media coverage of the Women's March on Washington and related events have again brought the topic of women's rights to the fore. Timed for release with the 2019-2020 centennial of the 19th Amendment.
- BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED AND ILLUSTRATED: Featuring more than 280 color photographs and illustrations, this is the perfect gift or coffee table book.

Author Bio: SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION is the largest museum complex in the world. Smithsonian American Women is part of the The Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative which illuminates women's pivotal roles in building and sustaining our country. The book features objects from 16 Smithsonian museums and archives and text by 95 curators with expertise in a variety of fields.

Residence: Washington, DC
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