

WOMAN SUFFRAGE:

A Reading List for All Ages

In May 1920, the Ohio Woman Suffrage Association transformed into the League of Women Voters of Ohio. The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and works to increase understanding of major public policy issues. Members are the lifeblood of the League of Women Voters of Ohio with over 30 local leagues across the state. Using a grant from Ohio Humanities to enlist scholars and librarians, the League compiled a reading list to celebrate its 100th Anniversary as well as the Centennial of the 19th Amendment. The titles offered here were chosen by Carol Lasser, Emerita Professor of History at Oberlin College; Dr. Treva Lindsey, an Associate Professor at The Ohio State University who specializes in African American women's history and gender theory; and Sarah Hedrick, a children's librarian in the Dayton area who chose titles for young readers. Here we offer just a sampling of their suggested titles; for the complete list, including many selections for children and young adults, visit <http://bit.ly/LWVosuffrageBOOKS>.

To Tell the Truth Freely: The Life of Ida B. Wells, by Mia Bay. Bay meticulously and incisively delves into the life of the incomparable suffragist and civil rights activist. Wells risked her life on numerous occasions via her efforts to secure inalienable rights for black people of all genders and women of all races. Her work as a suffragist often demanded that both white women and black men listen to and support black women.

Give Us the Ballot: The Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America, by Ari Berman. An account of the continuing battle over the right to vote in the fifty years after the 1965 Voting Rights Act, chronicling the transformative impact of the act and the backlash, including new strategies to keep minorities out of the voting booth, efforts to limit political representation by gerrymandering electoral districts, and the Supreme Court's decision that declared a key part of the Voting Rights Act unconstitutional.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton: An American Life, by Lori Ginzberg. A woman of great charm and extraordinary intellectual gifts, Elizabeth Cady Stanton turned the limitations placed on women into a universal philosophy of equal rights. But she was no secular saint, and her positions were not always on the side of the broadest possible conception of justice and social change.

A Colored Woman in a White World, by Mary Church Terrell. From advocating for universal suffrage to pushing for the racial desegregation of public accommodations, Terrell played an integral role in propelling the country toward becoming a more just and equitable society. This thought-provoking autobiography offers unmatched insight into the lived experiences of this notable suffragist. Terrell was educated at Oberlin College and taught Latin at Wilberforce University.

Carrie Chapman Catt: A Public Life, by Jacqueline Van Voris. This biography focuses on Catt's public life and faith in the human race. As one of the women who led the National American Woman Suffrage Association to victory, Catt helped found the League of Women Voters.

Why They Marched: Untold Stories of the Women who Fought for the Right to Vote, by Susan Ware. Biographical sketches of nineteen activists and related artifacts introduce some of the many women who worked tirelessly in communities across the nation, out of the spotlight, protesting, petitioning, and insisting on their right to full citizenship.



Books for Young People

Bold & Brave: Ten Heroes Who Won Women the Right to Vote, by Kirsten Gillibrand. Short biographies of ten women who fought hard to gain the right to vote in the United States, including Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Inez Millholland, and Mary Church Terrell.

Rightfully Ours: How Women Won the Vote: 21 Activities, by Kerrie Logan Hollihan. *Rightfully Ours* tells the story of the century-long struggle for women's suffrage in the United States; the book includes a timeline, online resources, and hands-on activities that give a sense of the everyday lives of the suffragists.

When You Grow Up to Vote: How our Government Works for You, by Eleanor Roosevelt, with Michelle Markel. Eleanor Roosevelt published *When You Grow Up to Vote* in 1932, the same year her husband was elected president. This new edition is up-to-date and full of beautiful illustrations by Grace Lin. Beginning with local government and moving up to the national stage, this book explains that the people in government work for the voter.

Roses and Radicals: The Epic Story of How American Women Won the Right to Vote, by Susan Zimet. The United States is almost 250 years old, but women won the right to vote less than a hundred years ago. Illustrated with portraits, period cartoons, and other images, *Roses and Radicals* celebrates this captivating piece of American history and the women who made it happen.