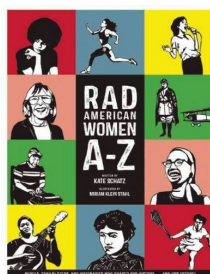


# RAD READS: Books, Music & Films

# CELEBRATE RAD WOMEN

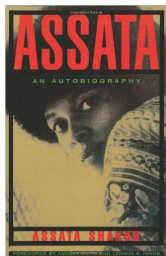


Inspired by the children's book [Rad American Women A-Z](#) by Kate Schatz and Miriam Klein Stahl, Oakland Public Library offers this list of rad books, films and music. Learn more about these women and transgender leaders, from artists and abolitionists, to scientists and suffragettes, rock stars and rebels! Notice some added names? We were so inspired by the book that library staff dressed up as our favorite changemakers for Halloween last year. We've included books about those women and LGBTQ leaders, too. Missed our costumes? View them [here](#).



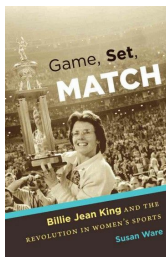
## A is for ANGELA

- ❖ Free Angela and All Political Prisoners (Documentary, 2013)
- ❖ Angela Davis: an autobiography



## ... and ASSATA

- ❖ ASSATA: An Autobiography
- ❖ Want to start a revolution?: radical women in the Black freedom struggle ed. by Gore, Theoharis & Woodard. Features Ericka Huggins, Yuri Kochiyama & more.



## B is for BELLA

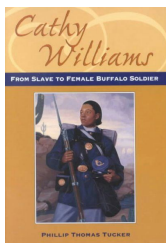
- ❖ Bella Abzug: how one tough broad from the Bronx fought Jim Crow and Joe McCarthy, pissed off Jimmy Carter, battled for the rights of women...

## ... and BILLIE JEAN

- ❖ Game, set, match : Billie Jean King and the revolution in women's sports

### FOR KIDS

- ❖ Billie Jean King : tennis trailblazer by Joanne Lannin

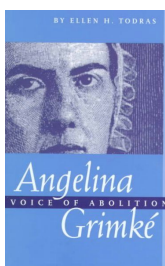
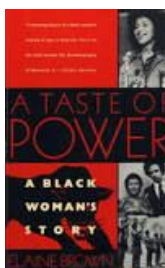
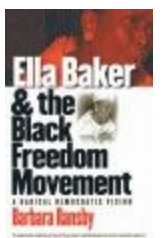
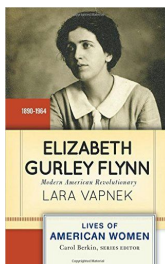
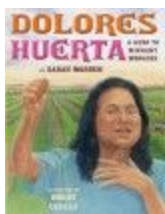
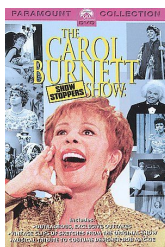


## C is for CATHAY

- ❖ Cathy Williams: from slave to female buffalo soldier by Phillip Thomas Tucker

### FOR KIDS

- ❖ My heroes, my people: African Americans and Native Americans in the West



## ... and CAROL

- ❖ The Carol Burnett Show (TV on DVD)
- ❖ Annie (Film, 1981)
- ❖ This time together: laughter and reflection by Carol Burnett

## D is for DOLORES

- ❖ A Dolores Huerta reader edited by Mario T. García
- ❖ Dolores Huerta : voice for the working poor by Alex Van Tol

### FOR KIDS

- ❖ Dolores Huerta : a hero to migrant workers by Sarah E. Warren ; illustrated by Robert Casilla
- ❖ Dolores Huerta by Richard Worth

## E is for ELIZABETH

- ❖ Elizabeth Gurley Flynn: modern American revolutionary by Lara Vapnek
- ❖ American women activists' writings: an anthology, 1637-2002 Features Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the Grimke Sisters and more.

## ... and ELLA

- ❖ Ella Baker & the Black freedom movement : a radical democratic vision by Barbara Ransby

### FOR KIDS

- ❖ Let it shine : stories of Black women freedom fighters by Andrea Davis Pinkney. Includes Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, Fannie Lou Hamer and more.

## ... and ELAINE

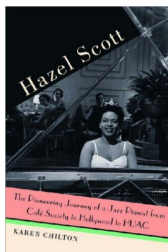
- ❖ A taste of power: a Black woman's story by Elaine Brown

## G is for the GRIMKE SISTERS

- ❖ Lift up thy voice : the Grimké family's journey from slaveholders to civil rights leaders by Mark Perry
- ❖ See also: The abolitionists From American Experience Films (2013)

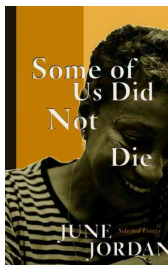
### FOR KIDS

- ❖ Sisters against slavery: a story about Sarah and Angelina Grimké
- ❖ Angelina Grimké: voice of abolition by Ellen H. Todras



## H is for HAZEL

- ❖ **Hazel Scott: the pioneering journey of a jazz pianist from Café Society to Hollywood to HUAC** [Book on CD]



## I is for ISADORA

- ❖ **My life** by Isadora Duncan

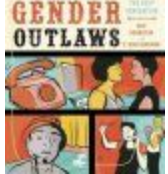
### FOR KIDS

- ❖ **16 mujeres muy, muy importantes** by Jordi Sierra i Fabra



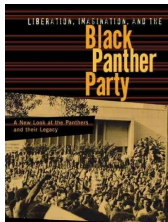
## J is for JUNE

- ❖ **Kissing God goodbye: poems, 1991-1997**
- ❖ **Some of us did not die: new and selected essays of June Jordan**
- ❖ **Soldier: a poet's childhood**



## K is for KATE

- ❖ **Gender outlaws: the next generation** ed. by Kate Bornstein & S. Bear Bergman
- ❖ **Hello, cruel world : 101 alternatives to suicide for teens, freaks, and other outlaws** by Kate Bornstein
- ❖ **Lots more books by Kate Bornstein, click here**



## ... and KATHLEEN

- ❖ **Liberation, imagination, and the Black Panther Party: a new look at the Panthers and their legacy** edited by Kathleen Cleaver and George Katsiaficas

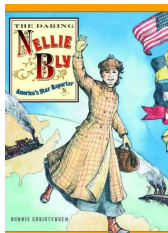


## M is for MAYA

- ❖ **Maya Lin: a strong clear vision** [Oscar-winning documentary, 1994]

### FOR KIDS:

- ❖ **Maya Lin : architect and artist** by Mary Malone



## N is for NELLIE

- ❖ **Eighty days: Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland's history-making race around the world** by Matthew Goodman

### FOR KIDS

- ❖ **Bylines: a photobiography of Nellie Bly** by Sue Macy
- ❖ **The daring Nellie Bly: America's star reporter** by Bonnie Christensen
- ❖ **Nellie Bly: daredevil reporter** by Charles Fredeen



## O is for ODETTA

- ❖ **The essential Odetta** [and more Music CDs]

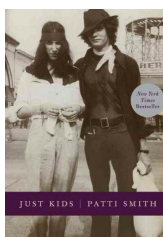
### FOR KIDS

- ❖ **Odetta, the queen of folk** by Stephen Alcorn; poem by Samantha Thornhill



## P is for PATTI

- ❖ **Just kids** by Patti Smith
- ❖ **M train** by Patti Smith
- ❖ **Horses** [Music CD]. Find more Patti Smith music CDs [here](#).



## Q is for QUEEN BESSIE

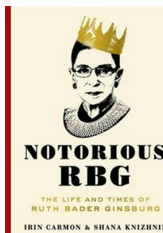
### FOR KIDS

- ❖ **Fly high!: the story of Bessie Coleman** by Louise Borden and Mary Kay Kroeger
- ❖ **Nobody owns the sky: the story of "Brave Bessie" Coleman** by Reeve Lindbergh



## R is for RUTH

- ❖ **Notorious RBG: the life and times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg** by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik
- ❖ **Sisters in law: how Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg went to the Supreme Court and changed the world** by Linda Hirshman



### FOR KIDS

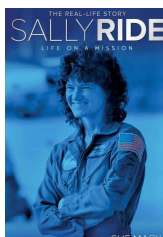
- ❖ **Ruth Bader Ginsburg: U.S. Supreme Court justice** by Paul McCaffrey

## S is for SALLY

- ❖ **Sally Ride: America's first woman in space** by Lynn Sherr

### FOR KIDS

- ❖ **Sally Ride: life on a mission** by Sue Macy
- ❖ **Exploring our solar system** by Sally Ride and Tam O'Shaughnessy

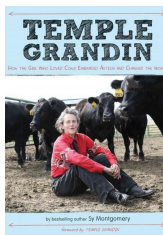


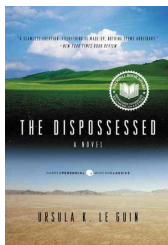
## T is for TEMPLE

- ❖ **The autistic brain: thinking across the spectrum** by Temple Grandin
- ❖ **Temple Grandin** (Film, 2010)

### FOR KIDS

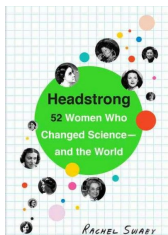
- ❖ **Temple Grandin: how the girl who loved cows embraced autism and changed the world** by Sy Montgomery





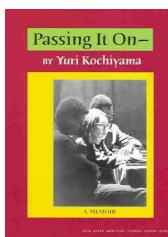
## U is for URSULA

- ❖ **The dispossessed** : a novel (multi award winner)
- ❖ **A wizard of Earthsea** (Young Adult Fiction)
- ❖ **The wild girls**: plus "Staying awake while we read" and "A lovely art" outspoken interview
- ❖ **80! memories & reflections on Ursula K. Le Guin** ed. by Karen Joy Fowler



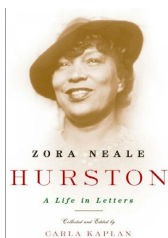
## V is for VIRGINIA

- ❖ **Headstrong: 52 women who changed science and the world** by Rachel Swaby



## Y is for YURI

- ❖ **Heartbeat of struggle: the revolutionary life of Yuri Kochiyama** by Diane Fujino
- ❖ **Passing it on: a memoir** by Yuri Kochiyama



## Z is for ZORA

- ❖ **Their eyes were watching God**
- ❖ **Wrapped in rainbows: the life of Zora Neale Hurston** by Valerie Boyd
- ❖ **Zora Neale Hurston: a life in letters**

### FOR KIDS

- ❖ **Sorrow's kitchen: the life and folklore of Zora Neale Hurston** by Mary Lyons
- ❖ **Zora Neale Hurston** by Paul Witcover
- ❖ **Herstory: women who changed the world** Features many more rad women!



## MORE RAD WOMEN!

Claudette Colvin - Audre Lorde - Sonia Sotomayor - Wilma Mankiller - Leslie Feinberg  
- Fannie Lou Hamer - Winona LaDuke

## A FEW MORE RAD BOOKS!

- ❖ **Rabble rousers : 20 women who made a difference** by Cheryl Harness
- ❖ **The Aunt Lute anthology of U.S. women writers** ed. by Lisa Maria Hogeland, Mary Klages