



Montgomery County Chapter

PATHWAYS TO POWER

Montgomery County NOW Symposium
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Selected Readings

- Allende, Isabel. **THE STORIES OF EVA LUNA.** 1989. Revealing, vivid stories of Latin Americans from diverse walks of life - Peru to San Francisco.
- Angelou, Maya. **I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS.** 1969. One of first autobiographies of Black American women dealing head-on with impact of racism in 1930's.
- Antler, Joyce, Ed. **AMERICA AND I.** Short Stories by American Jewish Women. 1990. Revealing glimpses into the lives of Edna Ferber, Tillie Olsen, Joanne Greenberg and others.
- Bumiller, Elisabeth. **MAY YOU BE THE MOTHER OF A HUNDRED SONS.** 1990. A former *Washington Post* reporter lived three and a half years in India and chronicles the lives and struggles of Indian women.
- Cisneros, Sandra. **WOMAN HOLLERING CREEK AND OTHER STORIES.** 1991. Collection of stories of Mexican American women struggling to take control of their lives.
- Corman, Avery. **PRIZE POSSESSION.** 1991. Compelling revelation about colleges' and universities' response to date rape.
- Dowling, Colette. **THE CINDERELLA COMPLEX.** 1981. Analyzes societal and psychological pressures which can cause dependent behavior.
- Ellerbee, Linda. **AND SO IT GOES.** 1987. Journalist's personal, witty account of life in the male-dominated world of broadcast journalism. New book: **MOVE ON.** 1991. An update.
- Faludi, Susan. **BACKLASH: The Undeclared War Against American Women.** 1991. Meticulous research concluding that blaming the women's movement for every problem besetting women diminishes self-determination.
- Fezler, William and Field, Eleanor S. **THE GOOD GIRL SYNDROME.** 1985. Read completely or just chapters like "Anger is Unfeminine" and "Independence is Dangerous."
- Fraser, Antonia. **THE WEAKER VESSEL.** 1984. Historical, spellbinding account of life as wife, warrior, heiress or preacher in 17th century England.
- Gabin, Nancy F. **FEMINISM IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT: Women and the United Auto Workers, 1935 - 1975.** 1991. Carefully researched book exploring women activists' past and present influence on the UAW.

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- Gordon, Barbara. **I'M DANCING AS FAST AS I CAN.** 1979. Early but relevant true story of Valium-induced breakdown of successful career woman and her courageous struggle back to a new life.
- Gray, Francine du Plessix. **SOVIET WOMEN. Walking the Tightrope.** 1990. Vivid portraits of twenty urban Russian women, in their own words, revealing their daily struggles, dreams and concerns. Enlightening.
- Greenberg - Lake. **SHORTCHANGING GIRLS.** 1991. Nationwide poll assesses self-esteem, educational experiences, interest in math and science and career aspirations of girls and boys, ages 9 - 15.
- Haskell, Molly. **FROM REVERENCE TO RAPE.** 1974. Treatment of women in films reflecting society's norms.
- Hayes, Lynn. **THE BEST JOBS IN AMERICA FOR PARENTS WHO WANT CAREERS AND TIME FOR CHILDREN TOO.** 1991. How to obtain flexible job arrangements - job sharing, flextime, short work weeks, etc.
- Holm, Jeanne, USAF (Ret.). **WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: An Unfinished Revolution.** 1982. Examines the role of military women within the structure set by legislation and attitudes of the mostly male establishment.
- Kingsolver, Barbara. **ANIMAL DREAMS.** 1990. Human rights activist author weaves numerous social/political issues into novel of "Codi" returning to her hometown to recover her past and reconcile her present.
- Lanker, Brian. **I DREAM A WORLD: Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America.** 1989. Visually stunning book of portraits and interviews with seventy-five remarkable women.
- Lord, Bette Bao. **LEGACIES.** 1990. Stunning collection of intimate oral histories capturing the texture of Chinese life during Cultural Revolution and Tiananmen massacre.
- Mackey, Sandra. **SAUDIS - Inside the Desert Kingdom.** 1987 - 1990. Woman journalist gives firsthand glimpse into hidden realm of Saudi social and public life - rich with historical basis of Saudi "mentality."
- Maio, Kathi. **POPCORN AND SEXUAL POLITICS.** 1991. Reviews and analyzes "Pretty Woman", "Postcards from the Edge" and many more. Also by Maio: **FEMINIST IN THE DARK.**
- Mann, Judy. **MANN FOR ALL SEASONS.** 1990. First collection of journalist's columns from *Washington Post* - witty and wise.
- Markham, Beryl. **WEST WITH THE NIGHT.** 1983. Exquisitely written account of life in Africa in mid-1900's by professional pilot years ahead of her time.

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- McCullough, Colleen. **THE LADIES OF MASSALONGHI**. 1987. Delightful story of Australian mother, daughter and aunt - pre-World War I - combining whimsy and ingenuity to avoid being exploited.
- Menchu, Rigoberta. **I, RIGOBERTA MENCHU**. 1990. Stirring autobiographical account of Nicaraguan's desperate struggle for existence against big landowners.
- Moog, Carol. **ARE THEY SELLING HER LIPS?** 1990. Psychological processes at work in advertising; ad messages integrated into peoples' search for identity.
- Murphy, Marjorie. **BLACKBOARD UNIONS: The AFT and the NEA, 1900 - 1980**. 1991. Book tracing history of teacher union movement in predominantly female profession.
- Murray, Pauli. **SONG IN A WEARY THROAT**. 1987. Inspiring autobiography of extraordinary, indomitable Black civil rights activist, lawyer, teacher, poet, founding NOW member and Episcopalian priest.
- Palmer, Phyllis. **DOMESTICITY AND DIRT**. Housewives & Domestic Servants in the United States, 1920 - 1945. 1990. Pathbreaking analysis of impact of public policy on the home and position of domestic servants - examines role of both employer and employee.
- Pogrebin, Letty Cottin. **DEBORAH, GOLDA AND ME**. Being Female and Jewish in America. 1990. MS. Magazine editor wrestles with issue of Jewish identity within Feminism.
- Robinson, Margaret A. **COURTING EMMA HOWE**. 1989. Turn of the century romance - two shy people plan marriage through letters. Undaunted determination aids spinster's self-realization and the relationship.
- Smith, Manuel J. **WHEN I SAY 'NO' I FEEL GUILTY**. 1975. The definitive book on assertiveness.
- Steinem, Gloria. **REVOLUTION FROM WITHIN - A Book of Self-Esteem**. 1991. Author's and others' stories and parables, insights, overviews. One-hundred pages - obtain through MS. Magazine.
- Stephenson, June. **WOMEN'S ROOTS - Status and Achievement in Western Civilization**. 1981. Compelling historical documentation of important women in Western world and their contributions to great cultural changes through the ages.
- Sterling, Dorothy, Ed. **WE ARE YOUR SISTERS: Black Women in the Nineteenth Century**. 1984. Using original sources, author vividly recreates life and contributions of Black women of that era.

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- Tan, Amy. **THE JOY LUCK CLUB**. 1989. Experiences of Chinese-born American mothers in San Francisco with their American-born daughters whom they fear will break cultural continuity. New book: **KITCHEN GOD**.
- Tannen, Deborah. **YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND**. 1990. Covers gender-based linguistic issues. See author interview in the July/August, 1991 issue of *SHHH Journal, Self Help for Hard of Hearing People*.
- Ulrich, Laurel Thatcher, Ed. **A MIDWIFE'S TALE**. The Life of Martha Ballard, Based on Her Diary, 1785 - 1812. 1990. Rare gem of obscure scholarship of circuit riding midwife gives fascinating look at Colonial birthing practices and life in those times.
- Walker, Alice. **THE TEMPLE OF MY FAMILIAR**. 1989. Author combines myth, fantasy, history in story of struggle against violence and slavery.
- Wolf, Naomi. **THE BEAUTY MYTH: How Images of Beauty Are Used Against Women**. 1991. Sweeping account of the ways women enslave themselves and their bank accounts to an industry promising physical perfection.