

Boulder Public Library/Women of the West
Monday Book Discussions
11:30am to 1pm

Meetings: Unless otherwise indicated, all discussions are held on the last Monday of each month, January – November with summers off, in the Arapahoe Conference Room on the second floor of the Main Branch of the Boulder Public Library.

For more information, contact Audrey Ambler at 303-442-8776.

2017

January 30, 2017 **Ladies of the Canyon: A League of Extraordinary women and Their Adventures in the American Southwest** Lesley Poling-Kempes.

February 27, 2017 **Hidden Power: Presidential Marriages That Shaped Our History**
Kati Marton.

March 27, 2017 **Wide Awake Woman: Josephine Roche in the Era of Reform**
Elinor McGinn.

April 24, 2017 **The Last Goodnight: A World War II Story of Espionage, Adventure and Betrayal** Howard Blum.

May 22, 2017 **Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race** Margot Lee Shetterly.

September 25, 2017 **I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban** Malala Yousafzai.

October 30, 2017 **Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsberg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World** Linda Hirshman.

November 27, 2017 **The Breakthrough: Politics and Race in the Age of Obama** Gwen Ifill.

2016

January 25, 2016 **Nancy: The Story of Lady Astor** Adrian Fort.

February 29, 2016 **Untamed: The Wildest Woman in America and the Fight to Save the Cumberland Island** Will Harlan.

March 28, 2016 **Liar, Temptress, Soldier Spy: 4 Women Undercover in the Civil War**
Karen Abbott.

April 25, 2016 **Separate Lives: The Story of Mary Rippon** Silvia Pettem.

May 23, 2016 **Dorothea Lange: A life Beyond Limits** Linda Gordon .

September 26, 2016 **The News Sorority: Diane Sawyer, Katie Couric, Christiane Amanpour-and the (Ongoing, Imperfect, Complicated) Triumph of Women in TV News** Sheila Weller.

October 24, 2016 **American Ghost: A Family's Haunted Past in the Desert Southwest** Hannah Nordhaus.

November 14, 2016 **Miss Anne in Harlem: The White Women of the Black Renaissance** Carla Kaplan.

2015

January 26, 2015 **Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey: The Lost Legacy of Highclere Castle** The Countess of Carnarvon.

February 23, 2015 **One Degree West: Reflections of a Plainsdaughter** Julene Bair. (author present)

March 30, 2015 **The Wives of Los Alamos** TaraShea Nesbitt.

April 27, 2015 **The Mantle Ranch: A Family's Joys and Sorrows in the Beautiful, Remote Tampa River Canyon** Queeda Mantle Walker.

May 18, 2015 **Queen Bess: Daredevil Aviator** Doris Rich.

September 28, 2015 **Grace and Grit: My Fight for Equal pay and Fairness at Goodyear and Beyond** Lillie Ledbetter.

October 26, 2015 **Dear Abigail: The Intimate Lives and Revolutionary Ideas of Abigail Adams and her Two Remarkable Sisters** Diane Jacobs.

November 16, 2015 **Soldier Girls: The Battles of Three Women at Home and War** Helen Thorpe.

2014

January 27, 2014 **The Iron Lady: Margaret Thatcher** John Campbell.

February 24, 2014 **Calamity Jane: the Woman and the Legend** James D. McLaird.

March 31, 2014 **My Beloved World** Sonia Sotomayor.

April 28, 2014 **The Orphan Train** Christina Baker Kline.

- May 19, 2014 **Rocket Girl: The Story of Mary Sherman Morgan, America's First Female Rocket Scientist** George D. Morgan.
- September 29, 2014 **Helen Ring Robinson: Colorado Senator and Suffragist** Pat Pascoe.
- October 27, 2014 **Sum it up: 1,098 Victories, A Couple of Irrelevant Losses, and a Life in Perspective** Pat Summitt with Sally Jenkins.
- November 17, 2014 **The Last Runaway** Tracy Chevalier.

2013

- January 28, 2013 **A Singular Woman: The Untold Story of Barack Obama's Mother**
Janny Scott. Led by Nancy Myers.
- February 25, 2013 **The Blue Tattoo: the Life of Olivia Oatman** Margot Mifflin.
Led by Rosalie Bargmann.
- March 25, 2013 **Chief Left Hand** Margaret Coel. Led by Audrey Ambler.
- April 29, 2013 **Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail** Cheryl Strayed.
Led by Cindy Maynard.
- May 20, 2013 **Tales of a Female Nomad** Rita Golden Gelman. Led by Karen Sackett.
- September 30, 2013 **Full Body Burden: Growing up in the Shadow of Rocky Flats**
Kristen Iverson. Led by Joan Graff.
- October 28, 2013 **24 years of house work and the place is still a mess: My life in Politics**
Pat Schroeder. Led by Jane Crabtree.
- November 18, 2013 **The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas** Gertrude Stein. Led by
Tina Pederson.

2012

- January 30, 2012 **Ladies of the Brown: A Women's History of Denver's Most Elegant Hotel** Debra Faulkner. Led by Nicole deLorimier.
- February 27, 2012 **When Everything Changed: The Amazing Journey of American Women From 1960 to the Present** Gail Collins. Led by Audrey Ambler.
- March 26, 2012 **Failure is Impossible: Susan B. Anthony in Her Own Words**
Lynn Sherr. Led by Tina Pederson.

- April 30, 2012 **The Bride's House** Sandra Dallas. Led by JoAnne Smallwood.
- May 21, 2012 **Claiming Ground** Laura Bell. Led by Joan Graff.
- September 24, 2012 **Nothing Daunted: The Unexpected Education of
Two Society Girls in the West** Dorothy Wickenden.
- October 29, 2012 **Pearl Buck in China: Journey to The Good Earth**
Hilary Spurling. Led by Elinor McGinn.
- November 12, 2012 **A Singular Woman: The Untold Story of Barack Obama's Mother**
Janny Scott. Led by Betty Thacker.

2011

- January 31, 2011 **Papa's Girl: The Fascinating World of Helen Bonfils** Eva Hodges Watt.
- February 28, 2011 **Just Like Us: The True Story of Four Mexican Girls Coming of Age in
America** Helen Thorpe.
- March 28, 2011 **The Woman Behind the New Deal: Life and Legacy of Frances
Perkins** Kirsten Downy.
- April 25, 2011 **The Bassett Women** Grace McClure.
- May 23, 2011 **In the Shadow of Los Alamos: Selected writings of Edith Warner**
Patrick Burns.
- September 26, 2011 **A Dozen on Denver: Stories** Rocky Mountain News (Editor).
- October 31, 2011 **Poker Bride: the First Chinese in the Wild West** Christopher Corbett.
- November 14, 2011 **Founding Mothers** Cokie Roberts.

2010

- January 25, 2010 **A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains** Isabella Bird.
- February 22, 2010 **The Land of the Burnt Thigh** Edith Endora Kohl.
- March 22, 2010 **The Last of the Wild West Cowgirls: A True Story** Kay Turnbaugh.
- April 26, 2010 **Solar Storms** Linda Hogan.

May 24, 2010 **Ice Bound: a Doctor's Incredible Battle for Survival at the South Pole**
Dr. Jerri Nielson.

September 27, 2010 **The Girls From Ames: A Story of Women and a 40 Year Friendship**
Jeffrey Zaslow.

October 25, 2010 **Old Jules** Marie Sandoz.

November 16, 2010 **My Antonia** Willa Cather.

2009

January 26, 2009 **Tomboy Bride** Harriet Fish Backus.

February 23, 2009 **The Legacy of Conquest** Patricia Limerick.

March 30, 2009 **Mrs. Ike** Susan Eisenhower.

April 27, 2009 **Worst Hard Time** Timothy Egan.

May 18, 2009 **Isabella Greenway** Kristie Miller.

September 28, 2009 **Behind Every Man: The story of Nancy Cooper Russell**
Joan Stauffer.

October 26, 2009 **Brothels, Bordellos and Bad Girls: Prostitution in Colorado 1860-1930**
Jan MacKell.

November 16, 2009 **Unbowed: a Memoir** Wangari Maathai.

2008

IDA: HER LABOR OF LOVE

Carol Crawford McManus

THE AMERICAN HOME FRONT: 1941-42

Alistair Cook

AMERICA'S WOMEN: 400 YEARS OF DOLLS, DRUDGES, HELPMATES AND HEROINES

Gail Collins

TOUCHING TOMORROW: THE EMILY GRIFFITH STORY

Debra Faulkner

THE WHISTLING SEASON

Ivan Doig

THE HORIZONTAL WORLD: GROWING UP WILD IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE: A MEMOIR

Debra Marquart

MARY COLTER: BUILDER UPON THE RED EARTH

Virginia L. Grattan

DOC SUSIE

Virginia Cornell

2007

TWO IN THE FAR NORTH

Margaret Murie

DESERT WIFE

Hilda Faunce

GOVERNOR LADY: LIFE AND TIMES OF NELLIE TAYLOE ROSS

Teva J. Scheer

BOLD SPIRIT

Linda L. Hunt

LIGHTING THE WAY: NINE WOMEN WHO CHANGED MODERN AMERICA

Karena Gore Schiff

MOLLY BROWN: UNRAVELING THE MYTH

Kristen Iversen and Muffet Brown

A WOMAN'S PLACE: WOMEN WRITING NEW MEXICO

Maureen Reed

SELU: SEEKING THE CORN-MOTHER'S WISDOM

Marilou Awiakta

2006

PIONEER DOCTOR: A STORY OF A WOMAN'S WORK

Mari Granna

COLORADO'S JAPANESE AMERICANS: FROM 1886 TO THE PRESENT

Bill Hosokawa

NO MORE WORDS: A JOURNAL OF MY MOTHER, ANNE MORROW LINDBERGH

Reeve Lindbergh

HIGH SPIRITED WOMEN OF THE WEST

Anne Seagraves

EVERY DAY IS A GOOD DAY: REFLECTIONS BY CONTEMPORARY INDIGENOUS WOMEN

Wilma Mankiller

MADAM SECRETARY: A MEMOIR

Madeleine Albright

WOMEN TO THE RESCUE: CREATING MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK

Duane A. Smith

DOWN THE SANTA FE TRAIL AND INTO MEXICO: THE DIARY OF SUSAN SHELBY MAGOFFIN

Susan Shelby Magoffin

2005

LETTERS OF A WOMAN HOMESTEADER

Elinor Pruitt Stewart

THE DISMISSAL OF MISS RUTH BROWN: CIVIL RIGHTS, CENSORSHIP, AND THE AMERICAN LIBRARY

Louise S. Robbins

MOTHER JONES, THE MOST DANGEROUS WOMAN IN AMERICA

Elliott J. Gorn

THE MONTANA FRONTIER: ONE WOMAN'S WEST

Joyce Litz

MANKILLER: A CHIEF AND HER PEOPLE

Wilma Mankiller

FILAREE: A NOVEL OF AMERICAN LIFE

Marguerite Noble

WEST WITH THE NIGHT

Beryl Markham

NORTH TO THE ORIENT

Ann Morrow Lindbergh

2004

TOMBOY BRIDE

Harriet Fish Backus

CLOSE RANGE

Annie Proulx

THE LAZY B

Sandra Day O'Connor

THE MIRROR

Marlys Millhiser

LETTERS FROM HONEY HILL

Cecelia Hendricks

BOLD SPIRIT

Linda L. Hunt

SPIDER WOMAN'S WEB: TRADITIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN TALES ABOUT WOMEN'S POWER

Susan Hazen-Hammond

NO TIME ON MY HANDS

Grace Snyder and Nellie Snyder Yost

THE STRICKLANDS

Edwin Lanham

FIRE ON THE PLATEAU

Charles Wilkinson

2003

BREAKING CLEAN

Judy Blunt

THE SPIRIT WOMAN

Margaret Coel

PACKINGHOUSE DAUGHTER: A MEMOIR

Cheri Register

TALKING TO THE MOON

John Joseph Mathews

KLONDIKE WOMEN: TRUE TALES OF THE 1897-1898 GOLD RUSH

Melanie J. Mayer

ALL MY RIVERS ARE GONE

Katie Lee

WOVEN ON THE WIND: WOMEN WRITE ABOUT FRIENDSHIP IN THE SAGEBRUSH WEST

Editors: Linda Hasselstrom, Gaydell Collier, and Nancy Curtis

A WIDE-AWAKE WOMAN: JOSEPHINE ROCHE IN THE ERA OF REFORM

Elinor McGinn

SECOND HOEING

Hope Williams Sykes

THE HARVEY GIRLS: WOMEN WHO OPENED THE WEST

Lesley Poling-Kempes

2002

DAUGHTERS OF THE EARTH: THE LIVES AND LEGENDS OF AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN

Carolyn Niethammer

MY ANTONIA

Willa Cather

THE GREAT ARIZONA ORPHAN ABDUCTION

Linda Gordon

ANGLE OF REPOSE

Wallace Stegner

THE LAST PRAIRIE: A SANDHILLS JOURNAL

Stephen R. Jones

AND PRAIRIE DOGS WEREN'T KOSHER: JEWISH WOMEN IN THE UPPER MIDWEST SINCE 1855

Linda Mack Schloff

ROMANCE OF A LITTLE VILLAGE GIRL

Cleofas M. Jaramillo

DWELLINGS: A SPIRITUAL HISTORY OF THE LIVING WORLD

Linda Hogan

HAWK FLIES ABOVE: JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF THE SANDHILLS

Lisa Dale Norton

LIZ CAILE: A LIFE AT TREELINE

Liz Caile

BALSAMROOT: A MEMOIR

Mary Clearman Blew

2001

AMERICAN DAUGHTER

Era Bell Thompson

THE LAST CHEATER'S WALTZ: BEAUTY AND VIOLENCE IN THE DESERT SOUTHWEST

Ellen Meloy

DAUGHTERS OF THE EARTH: THE LIVES AND LEGENDS OF AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN

Carolyn Niethammer

THE HOUSE AT OTOWI BRIDGE: THE STORY OF EDITH WARNER AND LOS ALAMOS

Peggy Pond Church (author) and Connie Fox Boyd (illustrator)

THE MEADOW

James Galvin

UNBOUND FEET: A SOCIAL HISTORY OF CHINESE WOMEN IN SAN FRANCISCO

Judy Yung

COWGIRLS: WOMEN OF THE AMERICAN WEST

Teresa Jordan

FAREWELL TO MANZANAR

Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James Houston

MARY COLTER: BUILDER UPON THE RED EARTH

Virginia L. Grattan

MARTHA MAXWELL: ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATURALIST

Maxine Benson

2000

MOTHER'S TABLE, FATHER'S CHAIR: CULTURAL NARRATIVES OF BASQUE AMERICAN WOMEN

Jacqueline S. Thursby

MAVERICK WOMEN: 19TH CENTURY WOMEN WHO KICKED OVER THE TRACES

Frances Laurence

WOMEN'S VOICES FROM THE MOTHER LODE: TALES FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH

Susan G. Butruille

BY GRIT AND GRACE: ELEVEN WOMEN WHO SHAPED THE AMERICAN WEST

Edited by Glenda Riley and Richard W. Etulain

PORTRAIT OF AN ARTIST: A BIOGRAPHY OF GEORGIA O'KEEFFE

Laurie Lisle

RUTH HANNA McCORMICK: A LIFE IN POLITICS, 1880 - 1944

Kristie Miller

THOUSAND PIECES OF GOLD

Ruthanne Lum McCunn

SEPARATE LIVES: THE STORY OF MARY RIPPON

Silvia Pettem (author), Elaine Long (consulting editor)

SOILED DOVES: PROSTITUTION IN THE EARLY WEST

Anne Seagraves

1999

INTIMATE MEMORIES: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MABEL DODGE LUHAN

Mabel Dodge Luhan (author), Lois Palken Rudnick (editor)

REFUGE: AN UNNATURAL HISTORY OF FAMILY AND PLACE

Terry Tempest Williams

BUDDHIST WOMEN ON THE EDGE

Marianne Dresser (editor)

CAROLINE LOCKHART: HER LIFE AND LEGACY

Necah Stewart Furman

HOYT STREET: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Mary Helen Ponce

REBEL FOR RIGHTS: ABIGAIL SCOTT DUNIWAY

Ruth Barnes Moynihan

ALL BUT THE WALTZ: A MEMOIR OF FIVE GENERATIONS IN THE LIFE OF A MONTANA FAMILY

Mary Clearman Blew

MORMON SISTERS: WOMEN IN EARLY UTAH

Claudia L. Bushman (editor)

SONGS MY MOTHER SANG TO ME: AN ORAL HISTORY OF MEXICAN AMERICAN WOMEN

Patricia Preciado Martin (editor)

SOLAR STORMS

Linda Hogan

MEDICINE WOMEN, CURANDERAS, AND WOMAN DOCTORS

Bobette Perrone, H. Henrietta Stockel, and Victoria Krueger

1998

RIDING THE WHITE HORSE HOME: A WESTERN FAMILY ALBUM

Teresa Jordan

THE MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN WOMEN: ADVENTURES IN THE COLORADO ROCKIES

Janet Robertson

APACHE MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS

Ruth McDonald Boyer and Narcissus Duffy Gayton

LAND IN HER OWN NAME: WOMEN AS HOMESTEADERS IN NORTH DAKOTA

H. Elaine Lindgren

HOLDING THE LINE: WOMEN OF THE GREAT ARIZONA MINE STRIKE OF 1983

Barbara Kingsolver

QUIET ODYSSEY: A PIONEER KOREAN WOMAN IN AMERICA

Mary Paik Lee

DOC SUSIE

Virginia Cornell

LAND OF THE BURNT THIGH

Edith Eudora Kohl

WOMEN'S VOICES FROM THE OREGON TRAIL

Susan G. Butruille

LEANING INTO THE WIND

Edited by Linda Hasselstrom, Gaydell Collier, and Nancy Curtis

THE STORIES THAT SHAPE US

Edited by Teresa Jordan and James Hepworth

1997

ONE FOOT IN THE ROCKIES

Julie R. Jeffrey

THE STRENUOUS DAMES OF THE COLORADO PRAIRIE

Nell Brown Probst

THE LIFE OF AN ORDINARY WOMAN

Anne Ellis

GOING OVER EAST: REFLECTIONS OF A WOMAN RANCHER

Linda Hasselstrom

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