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Read any history of New York City and you will read about men. You will read about men who were political leaders and men who were activists and cultural tastemakers. These men have been lauded for generations for creating the most exciting and influential city in the world.

But that's not the whole story.

*The Women Who Made New York* reveals the untold stories of the phenomenal women who made New York City the cultural epicenter of the world. Many were revolutionaries and activists, like Zora Neale Hurston and Audre Lorde. Others were icons and iconoclasts, like Fran Lebowitz and Grace Jones. There were also women who led quieter private lives but were just as influential, such as Emily Warren Roebling, who completed the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge when her engineer husband became too ill to work.

Paired with striking, contemporary illustrations by artist Hallie Heald, *The Women Who Made New York* offers a visual sensation--one that reinvigorates not just New York City's history but its very identity.

## The Women Who Made New York Details

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### Andréa says

*Note: I received a digital galley of this book through NetGalley.*

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### Amanda Griggs says

A lovely collection of some of the amazing women who made New York into the beloved city it is today. Peppered with fantastic illustrations by Hallie Heald, the book features women from all walks of life and careers, and showcases how they influenced the city and changed it. Some of my favorite women mentioned were Nora Ephron, Dorothy Parker, Nellie Bly, Edna Lewis (who was just featured on an episode of Top Chef which I found delightful), Emily Warren Roebling (who was featured this season on Drunk History), and so many more. Their stories were fascinating, and if anything, it made me want to seek out biographies for so many of them.

I always love to read history books about women since so few of them seem to be featured in my education, and this book was a lovely journey through their stories.

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### Nan says

**The Women Who Made New York** provides well-researched sketches of dozens of women who made a significant impact on the city-- from colonial times to the present, from the relatively unknown to the famous to the infamous, from politicians to artists to intellects to activists and everything in between. I've had it on my nightstand for about a year and have been savoring it in small doses. Enthralling and illuminating, and not just for history buffs, New Yorkers or women.

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### Ann Aldrich says

Approximately 120 biographies of famous, infamous, and unknown women who played significant roles in creating the character of New York City. The vignettes range from several paragraphs to several pages, depending on the historical information available or the author's interest in the individual. The book is beautifully produced, with delightful caricatures of a few of women done by Hallie Heald. However, the omission of photographs or sketches of most of the honorees significantly limits the overall impact of the book. Without the distinguishing face to associate with each person, the numerous individuals soon become one big blur.

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### penny shima glanz says

This is a delightful mature followup to *Wonder Women*. Scelfo worked to identify women without whom New York would not exist. This is a remarkable book. I will be rereading it soon and spending time to get to know these women. There were a few names I already knew, there were many others new to me. While I'm still processing all that I read, please enjoy this review from the New York Times (I guess it's no surprise I loved this book as I'm a Barnard alumna) and this slideshow of Hallie Heald's illustrations from NY Magazine.

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### **Stacey DiFazio says**

Uneven and not especially well-written or well-edited. A great idea, but not a great book. Disappointing.

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### **Sheryl Kirby says**

History books remember the men, but women were part of history too. Schelfo, with illustrations by Hallie Heald, honours the many women who built New York City, from the actual female engineers to the artists, philanthropists and fashion icons. Small criticisms — the book is sorted into categories and not everything feels like a good fit, and I dislike the author's habit of creating segues from one woman to the next instead of just creating stand-alone entries. Still a great, interesting book to give props to many amazing, inspiring women.

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### **Rebecca says**

Very cool stories of women, but more textbook like than narrative.

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### **Helen says**

This book was very interesting and I'm glad I read it, but I don't suggest you read it from cover to cover like I did, it felt kind of like reading a textbook.

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### **Leila Kern says**

What a nice way to honor women's accomplishments in New York throughout history. Wonderful book to ignite knowledge. Just enough of a tidbit for each woman's contribution and to dig further if one wishes. Great book! I heartily recommend this book for anyone interested in learning about New York's famous (or nearly so) women.

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### **Grayce says**

EXCELLENT

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**Ashley says**

I love learning about history, I love New York history, and I love to hear about the triumphs of women - which is sometimes hard to find because people mostly only wrote about the triumphs of men for so long! This book combines all of that! I will read this more than once.

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**Victoria Biegel says**

A great book to reference continually when looking for some rad inspirational women. Well worth the read. Illustrations and book design are cool too!

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**Catherine says**

Fun and inspiring read with clever illustrations.

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**Susan Bell says**

Entertaining and informative read - not just for #Womenshistorymonth.

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