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Within the pages of American history are the stories of remarkable African American women who have defied the odds, taken a stand for justice, and made incredible strides despite opposition from the culture around them. Now young readers can discover their exciting true stories in this eye-opening collection.

From well-known figures like Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, and Rosa Parks to women rarely found in any history book, *Women in Black History* explores the lives of writers, athletes, singers, activists, and educators who have made an indelible mark on our country and our culture. Perfect for kids, but also for adults who like to read about important figures and unsung heroes, this collection will delight, surprise, and challenge readers.

## **Women in Black History: Stories of Courage, Faith, and Resilience Details**

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# **From Reader Review Women in Black History: Stories of Courage, Faith, and Resilience for online ebook**

## **Frances says**

This book is probably written on a fourth grade level and even someone who doesn't read on that level would most likely learn some things they did not know, as I did. I would recommend this to any teacher or who was teaching subjects which included slavery. When I was teaching in middle school I found there was much learning in the library. An easy read but worthwhile

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## **Amy says**

Excellent book. I homeschool my children, and this is a wonderful book for them. Each chapter is followed by questions about the woman discussed along with "imagine" and "creative" ideas. I very much enjoyed reading this.

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## **Beyond the Pages says**

I thoroughly enjoyed reading Women in Black History: Stories of Courage, Faith and Resilience. It was a very engaging and highly informative book. The collection of lives featured in this volume was inspiring in so many ways. I appreciated that the unique experiences and challenges of the women helped to shape them. To face what they faced and still to persevere and stand strong said much. It was impactful. I read about the bravery and the beauty of these souls... (deep sigh). I cannot say enough. To consider a taste of the hard-driving faith that they had through their stories was powerful.

Rating: 5/5

Recommend: Yes

Audience: All

Status: Non-fiction, history, African-American studies, women in history, inspirational

Re-read: Yes

Keeper: Yes

Hard copy or e-copy: Hard copy

Other: There are so many ways that this book can be used. I hope that there are plans for additional volumes. I have elected to use this volume as a read aloud study for my kids.

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## **Judith says**

I learned so much about the few women in this book that I had heard of or read brief accounts about before, and I met through these pages so many others that I now admire and respect.

It's very difficult for me to choose a single one to say was the most impactful to me, they all made me think deeply upon the times in which they lived, the times I live in, and the struggles they and others, black women

especially, have faced throughout the history of the U.S.

Not a single one of us living in the U.S. today, regardless of race, have been untouched by the accomplishments these courageous women achieved. They shaped events in their lifetimes that opened doors for millions of other humans.

I sincerely hope author Tricia Williams Jackson decides to write a second volume. I'd love to see her wonderful biographies of several more amazing women in black history such as Aviator Bessie Coleman, Writer Ida B. Wells, Billie Holiday, Maya Angelou and so many others I don't even know about yet!!

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### **Ashley says**

Reader, be aware that this book is a religious one that puts the focus on each woman's Christianity and how it influenced and encouraged them.\* It should be categorized as inspirational, not history. It also contains some bizarrely insensitive passages, particularly in chapters involving slavery. And by "Black," it means within the U.S.; there are no women profiled for accomplishments elsewhere...even like, say, Africa.

If you're *looking* for a book about "Christian Women in African-American History," this could definitely be it. If you're looking for a book about women in Black history, it is not.

1.5 stars.

\* The book does not, of course, get into the historical relationship between Christianity and slavery -- but this isn't a book that aims to give young readers a lot of historical context or nuance, which is a shame.

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### **Montzalee Wittmann says**

Women in Black History: Stories of Courage, Faith, and Resilience by Tricia Williams Jackson is a remarkable book. The stories of these women's lives, their courage, passion, determination, the drive for justice, the injustice to them, the love, faith, and hope for a better life for those coming after them is nothing short of heroic. Most reader know about these women but the author adds so many details and information to their lives that this reader learned more than she expected. The book made you feel like you were there at the time, feeling what the woman was feeling, seeing what she was feeling, and determined as she was despite the odds. There are questions at the end of each section, discussion questions covering the woman of the chapter. I would have liked to seen pictures at the end of the chapter instead, that would have added greatly. The book was an excellent resource. I received this book for a honest review from NetGalley and it in no way effected my review or rating.

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### **Lilyn G. | Sci-Fi & Scary says**

This is a fantastic book. I picked it up because I'd recently read something on Coretta Scott King, and I wanted to know more in general about black women in our history. Right from the beginning it was made obvious how little I really knew. Half the names I didn't recognize! The other half I really only had a passing familiarity with. I'd never heard of Phillis Wheatley (at least that I can recall), but the poem listed in this

book was beautiful. She definitely had talent. While I had heard of Sojourner Truth, I'd never read the 'real' version of her speech. It was definitely powerful! Harriet Tubman... I knew she was involved with the Underground Railroad, but I had no clue about any other part of her life. Imagine your own husband telling you he'd tell your master if you ran! Mahalia Jackson had an amazing singing voice. (I've attached a link to the youtube video at the bottom of this review.)

I love how the author is able to communicate the 'realness' of the women. I didn't feel like I was reading a history book about distant people in our pasts. I felt like I was reading their lives as they happened. I would highly recommend this book. Its highly insightful, entertaining, and educational.

I love the think / learn / create sections at the end of each essay on the women. Even though its obviously meant for children, I tried a few of them out myself, and they definitely made me think.

Now, truth be told, I wasn't a huge fan of the underlying religious message, but I haven't let that weigh on my review of these stories. These women had faith, and it was important to them. They did good work, each of them. That's the important part to me.

Overall, this really is a fantastic read, and one that we need to see on library shelves nationwide.

Disclaimer: I received a copy of this book free from the author in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Alex (not a dude) Baugh says**

Women in Black History is a collection of short biographies designed to introduce young readers to 14 strong and influential black women whose actions impacted history, and whose faith helped them stay strong and guided their thinking.

Although women like Sojourner Truth, Rosa Parks and Harriet Tubman may be familiar to readers, Jackson has included aspects of their lives that may not be so well known, and she deftly introduces the remaining 11 women in the same vein, mixing known and unknown facts. The women come from very varied backgrounds, but all had to struggle to accomplish what they set out to do and they range slaves, poets, writers, conductors on the Underground Railroad, suffragettes, singers, athletics, among other things.

At the end of each woman's biography, there is a section with questions for the readers to think about, and a prompt for them to imagine something specific about each woman's life, as well as suggestions for using the information they have just learned in a creative way, making this a somewhat interactive book.

Jackson has also included pencil drawings of each woman and a quote by them at the beginning of each chapter.

Because of the strong religious aspect of Women in Black History, I can see it being used mostly by homeschoolers, or by deeply religious families, although it certainly has much to its credit for anyone else interested in black history, black women's history or just women's history.

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## Brooke says

This book is aimed at children but I didn't know about a few of the women, so it is a good resource for anyone interested in learning more about women in black history. Each chapter ends with discussion questions and ideas for creative activities, so the book could easily be adapted for educational purposes. However, although Christianity was an important part of many of these women's lives, I did not like the subliminal messages about welcoming God's plan for our lives and accepting Christ, etc.

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## Susan says

Do you know the African-American women who played an important part of the United States of America history? Fourteen black women are described in this book. I didn't know most of them. I was amazed and realized how little I know about the history of my country. I think that this a must read book in schools or even in colleges. There is a very light touch of Christianity in this book -- how the women refused to let hatred get in their way of living and being.

Disclaimer: I received an arc of this book free from the author/publisher from Netgalley. I was not obliged to write a favorable review, or even any review at all. The opinions expressed are strictly my own.

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## Hilary says

4.5 stars

This collection of 14 short biographies is an ideal introduction to some of the influential women in Black American history, targeted middle school children and upwards. From Phillis Wheatley, born in 1753, to Coretta Scott King who died in 2006, these women were scholars, athletes, attorneys, teachers, suffragettes, singers, poets and freedom fighters. They fought against society and sometimes even their own families through education, perseverance and the courts. They interacted with presidents and first ladies and kings, and earned respect and honor (though not always in their own lifetime).

Several were enslaved, most lived in poverty, and all had to stand firmly on their faith and courage to not only survive but *thrive*. They had to fight for everything, from a name of their own to the ability to learn to read, to attend school, to marry (or not) as they chose, to compete in organized sports. Remarkably, and most likely because of their faith, none were bitter or hardened by their trials, turning them instead into challenges that must be overcome.

Although I recognized a few names, I learned more than I'd expected. Sometimes it was just small details that really brought them to life as children and young women, not just historical figures, but also things like the misrepresentation of Sojourner's now famous "Ain't I A Woman?" speech and the wider impact of the Fugitive Slave Act in 1850.

Each biography is carefully written to given the women's backgrounds, giving us family history and a knowledge of their failures as well as their successes. Their hardships and sorrows - whether being separated

from their families, physical ailments and maltreatment - are not glossed over, but are not dwelt upon either. The contrast between their lives is sometimes stark: some died in their thirties, others lived to be eighty or beyond. Adult readers may find some of the text overly explanatory, but must remember this is targeted at children.

At the end of each biography, there are three prompts to help us engage: "Think... Imagine... Get creative!" Teachers will probably welcome the suggestions which involve drawing, writing, role-playing or just imagining. Pencil drawings of each woman are included.

I'd recommend this to anyone wanting either an overview or an introduction to this topic. The only thing that would make this better would be a suggested list of further reading.

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## **Debbie says**

"Women in Black History" is a collection of 14 biographies of American women who made an impact on our history. It's targeted at children, and the author explained words like "debut" and "suffrage" when she used them. Adults will also enjoy this book.

The biographies covered a period from 1753 to 1994. Some of these women were slaves and others free, but they were honored for their work as poets, singers, writers, in sports, for anti-slavery activities, and their efforts for civil rights, woman's suffrage, and equal education.

Each biography was about 12 pages long. It started with a scene from the woman's life, then the author told about their life. She briefly mentioned how each woman's Christian faith affected their actions. At the end of each biography, the author included three reading comprehension questions, then she invited the reader to imagine something relating to the story and to get creative with a related activity. There was a sketch or photograph of each woman in the back.

I can see this book being used in homeschooling. I'd recommend it to anyone interested in short biographies of inspiring women.

The women covered were: Phillis Wheatley, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Mary Ann Shadd Cary, Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, Anna Julia Cooper, Mary McLeod Bethune, Marian Anderson, Mahalia Jackson, Rosa Parks, Fannie Lou Hamer, Althea Gibson, Coretta Scott King, and Wilma Rudolph.

I received an ebook review copy of this book from the publisher through NetGalley.

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