

# Brave Girls

**J ARR**

## **Bluestem**

by *Frances Arrington*

11-year-old Polly and her 9 year-old sister are left with their grieving mother in a sod hut on the vast prairie. As their mother sinks farther into depression and eventually disappears, the girls discover their own inner strength and will to survive. Also: **Prairie Whispers**.



**J BEN**

## **Zink**

by *Cherie Bennet*

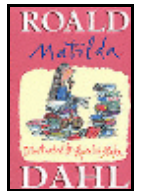
While 10-year-old Becky is battling leukemia, she escapes to her magical world in Africa. Three singing zebras keep her company as she roams the Serengeti Plains. The illustrations are by child cancer survivors.

**J DAH**

## **Matilda**

by *Roald Dahl*

When the most brilliant girl in the world is born into a family that does not appreciate her, she searches for someone else to love her.



**J DIC**

## **Noli's Story**

by *Peter Dickinson*,

200,000 years ago, six children cross a waterless desert to find their kin. Noli's psychic powers help her and the others as they face this challenge. Companion books in "The Kin" series: **Suth's Story**, **Mana's story** and **Po's Story**.

**J LUN**

## **The Hollow Tree**

by *Janet Lunn*

15-year-old Phoebe holds a vital secret which will save the lives of other United Empire Loyalist families. Will she make it to Canada in time?



**J MCG**

## **Molly Bannaky**

by *Alice McGill*

In 1683, Molly is brought to trial for spilling a bucket of milk. Because she can read, she is sent to America as a bound servant. After 7 years she earns her freedom. This book is beautifully illustrated.

**J MCK**

## **A Picture of Freedom**

by *Pat McKissack*

Clotee is a house slave in 1859. She secretly learns to read and write, and becomes a conductor on the Underground Railway to Canada. This book is based on the secret diary Clotee kept and published at the age of 92.



**J OSB**

## **Adaline Falling Star**

by *Mary Pope Osborne*

The daughter of frontiersman Kit Carson and an Arapaho mother, Adaline falls between two worlds. Sent to live with cruel white relatives after her mother's death, spunky Adaline strikes out on her own search for her father.

**J PAT**

**Lyddie**

by *Katherine Paterson*

Orphaned Lyddie is determined to make enough money to get her brothers and sister back. She survives working for the cruel mill overseer, and even teaches herself to read while working six days a week from dawn till dusk.



**J RIN**

**The Invisible Princess**

by *Faith Ringgold*

Made invisible at birth by The Powers of Nature, and whisked away from the cruel slave plantation, the Invisible Princess returns years later to free the slaves. Ringgold has also written a powerful picture book version of the Harriet Tubman story: **Aunt Harriet's Railroad in the Sky**.

**Royal Diaries series**

These novels are written in diary format, and are based on the real events surrounding famous girls through history. Find the whole list by searching under the term "**Royal Diaries**".



**J WRE**

**Dealing with dragons**

by *Patricia C. Wrede*

The adventurous Princess Cimorene is bored with her traditional castle upbringing, and goes to help a group of dragons fight off evil wizards. Sequels: **Searching for Dragons, Calling on Dragons** and **Talking to Dragons**.

## Non-fiction

**J 305.23**

**Extraordinary Girls**

by *Maya Ajmera*

Celebrate the amazing achievements of girls all around the world. Beautiful photographs and ideas for organizations to join.



**J 305.23**

**Girl Talk: Staying Strong, Feeling Good, Sticking Together**

by *Judith Harlan*

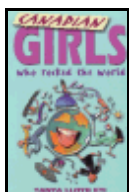
Covers such topics as fun, guys and guy friends. Careers and feminism, all in an easy to read illustrated format. Full of short, empowering comments: "Women come in all sizes, and all sizes are beautiful." "Spend time shaping your life, not your body."

**J 305.235**

**The Girls' Guide to Life: How to take charge of the issues that affect YOU**

by *Catherine Dee*

This book is about empowerment and attitude changing. Suggestions for behavior at school, home, on the street and on the job.



**J 305.235**

**Canadian Girls who Rocked the World**

by *Tanya Lloyd*

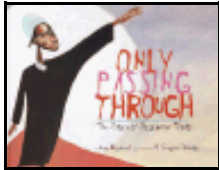
Fascinating true stories about women in sport, the arts, science and history. Their inspiring tales could serve as inspiration for today's rocking girls.

**J 305.4092**

**Heroines: Great Women Through the Ages**

by *Rebecca Hazell*

Hazell tracks the lives and times of 12 heroines through history. Meet Agnodice, who disguised herself as a man to work as a doctor in Ancient Greece, Joan of Arc and Frida Kahlo.



**J 305.567**

**Only Passing Through: the Story of Sojourner Truth**

by *Anne Tru Rockwell*

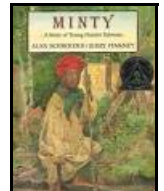
The uplifting story of the slave Isabella, beaten, sold and finally freed to become a civil rights leader.

**J 305.567**

**Minty: a Story of Young Harriet Tubman**

by *Alan Schroeder*

Feisty Minty gets in trouble with the slave masters, but learns the skills that will help her escape years later to become one of the leading conductors on the Underground Railroad to Canada.



**J 398.22082**

**Not One Damsel in Distress: World Folktales for Strong Girls**

by *Jane Yolen*

Yolen has collected and retold stories of heroines from Europe to Asia.

**J 604.82**

**Women Invent!**

by *Susan Casey*

From liquid paper to Kevlar, no-spill feeding bowls to frozen pizza, women have been inventing for centuries – and you can too!



**J 604.8342**

**The Technology Book for Girls and Other Advanced Beings**

by *Trudee Romanek*

How do garage doors open? How do smoke alarms and barcode scanners work? Fun experiments and information about women inventors.

**J 920.72**

**100 Women who shaped History**

by *Gil Rolka*

From Hatshepsut of ancient Egypt to 1992 Nobel Peace Prize winner Rigoberta Menchu, this book is packed with inspirational female role models.



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