

365 Days of Gutsy Women

Introduction

Daily readings (devotionals) have been a way of life for many seeking emotional, intellectual, or spiritual growth. Nightstands are often covered with volumes consisting of 365 daily readings offering one easily consumed entry for each day of the year and are kept handy for either a hasty morning read or a nighttime browse.

365 Days of Gutsy Women is a secular compendium of the same tradition, a year's worth of daily readings that will inspire and fascinate as you discover extraordinary women who have come before us. For centuries, women's stories and their accomplishments have been ignored or forgotten. Too often left out of narrative, women need to be celebrated. And what better way than a daily glimpse of their lives?

Each woman in this book is drawn from a different category. Enjoy a mini-biography per day exploring each category once a week. What makes them different (or similar) to you and me? You're holding the answer in your hands.

365 Gutsy Women's biographies are divided into the following categories:

Monday—Activists/Rebels

Icons who fought for the nation's as well as women's freedoms, equality, and rights that *changed the world*.

Tuesday—Educators/Philosophers

Deep thinkers who taught, lectured, debated, counseled, and designed curriculums as they *helped change the world*.

Wednesday—Scientists/Innovators

Women whose brilliant minds and original thinking gave the world answers, cures, and businesses and *changed the world*.

Thursday—Authors/Poets

Writers who created art with words while protesting injustice or conserving Mother Earth while *changing the world*.

Friday—Leaders

From the beginning of time, women who have led nations or their communities and *changed the world*.

Saturday—Artists/Musicians

Female creative spirits who gave us visual beauty or lifted us to great heights with their voices *as they changed the world*.

Sunday—Goddesses

Ancient and revered women who continue to guide us with their blessings *as we change the world*.