

Text Set to Accompany

Leave It to Abigail: The Revolutionary Life of Abigail Adams

Primary Sources & Research Materials

These texts tell readers more about Abigail Adams.

[Adams Digital Collections: Massachusetts Historical Society](#)

This digital collection includes 1,160 letters written between Abigail Adams and John Adams. Readers can see scans of the original letters and can access transcriptions. The letters can be sorted by time period or by sender for further exploration.



[Library of Congress Collection: Communication Between Abigail Adams and Thomas Jefferson](#)

In *Leave It to Abigail*, readers learn Abigail Adams furnished a mansion while John Adams served as a diplomat abroad. Abigail Adams documented her expenses while furnishing the home and sent itemized lists to Thomas Jefferson. In this digital collection, readers can see Abigail's list of the items she purchased, including nutcrackers, napkins, linens, and travel expenses.



[Primary Source Document: Abigail Adams Obituary Notice](#)

This obituary notice broadside of Abigail Adams is preserved by the Library of Congress. The obituary tells about Abigail's characteristics, family, and legacy. Readers may be intrigued by the depth and length of this notice, as it differs from obituaries seen today.



Content Connections

These texts explore topics such as the Adams family home, historical preservation, and Abigail's legacy.

[Documentary Clip: First Ladies: Influence & Image](#)

In this short video, historians introduce Abigail Adams by discussing her legacy. Images shown include portraits, maps, and drawings. Historians discuss what we know about Abigail Adams's life and the ways in which she influenced the role of First Lady. The full documentary is [available online](#).



[Adams National Historical Park: Multimedia Collection](#)

The multimedia collection from Adams National Historical Park includes photos of artifacts, including Abigail Adams's locket and the bullet mold she is believed to have used during the American Revolution. The site also includes photos of the Adams Mansion and the artifacts found within its walls.



[Radio Clip: Rare Abigail Adams Letter Found In Desk](#)

In 2011, a letter from Abigail Adams was discovered in a desk. In this radio interview, the Managing Editor of the Adams papers at the Massachusetts Historical Society discusses what the letter can tell us about Abigail Adams as a person. The interview also discusses preservation of historical documents.



[White House Historical Association: A Tradition Begins](#)

This online collection from the White House Historical Association shares the tasks Abigail Adams undertook in order to make the White House both "a home and a place in which to represent the nation." The website also includes a collection on [the women of the White House](#).



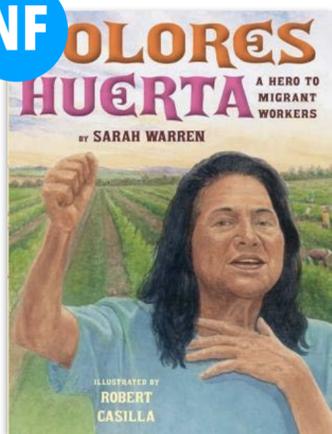
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Texts to Pair with *Leave It to Abigail*

These fiction and nonfiction texts can be read alongside *Leave It to Abigail* to learn more about the strong women featured in the book's final pages, as well as the American Revolution.

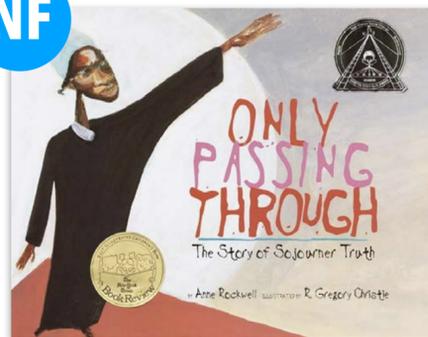
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Dolores Huerta: A Hero to Migrant Workers
By Sarah Warren

This picture book biography shares the many roles played by Dolores Huerta: teacher, mother, friend, activist.

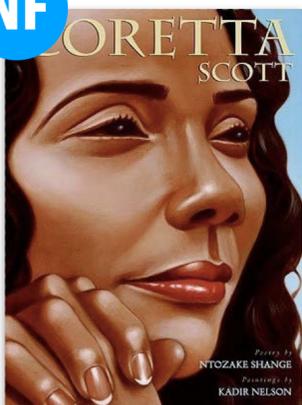
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Only Passing Through: The Story of Sojourner Truth
By Anne Rockwell

This biography tells the story of a girl named Isabella who grew up to be Sojourner Truth. Her passionate public speaking helped people understand the horrors of slavery.

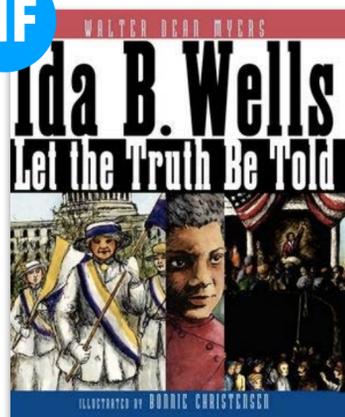
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Coretta Scott
By Ntozake Shange

With lyrical text by Ntozake Shange and beautiful illustrations by Kadir Nelson, this biography captures how Coretta Scott King came to yearn for equality.

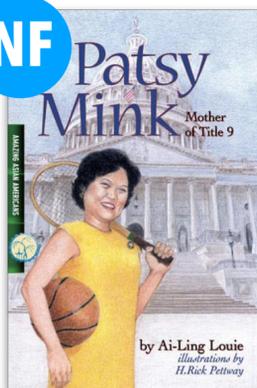
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Ida B. Wells: Let the Truth Be Told
By Walter Dean Meyers

Bestselling author Walter Dean Meyers captures the life story of Ida B. Wells, a fierce advocate for equal rights. Wells worked to reject discrimination in the United States.

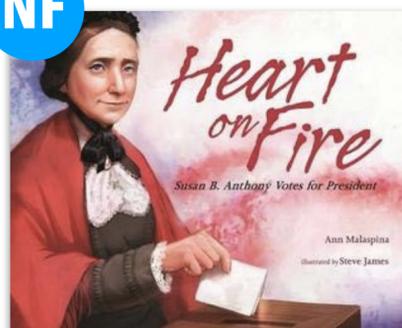
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Patsy Mink: Mother of Title 9
By Ai-Ling Louie

This picture book biography chronicles the life of Patsy Mink, who made strides as the first woman of color elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

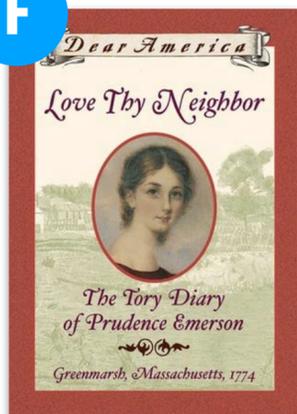
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Heart on Fire: Susan B. Anthony Votes for President
By Ann Malaspina

This picture book tells the story of November 5, 1872: the day Susan B. Anthony broke the law by voting in the U.S. presidential election.

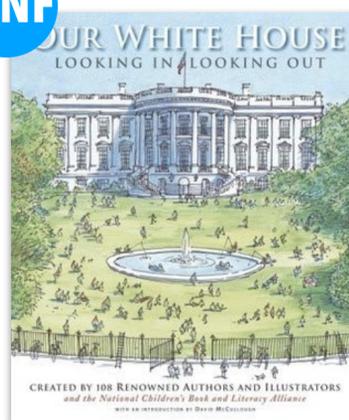
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Love Thy Neighbor: The Tory Diary of Prudence Emerson
By Ann Turner

This historical fiction chapter book explores the American Revolution through the eyes of a young girl. Prudence witnesses many of the events that Abigail Adams saw in Boston during the 1770s.

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Our White House: Looking In, Looking Out

This collaboration by one hundred leading authors and illustrators includes historical fiction, poetry, and essays inspired by the White House's occupants over the years.

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= Fiction

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= Nonfiction