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# **That Woman: The Life Of Wallis Simpson, Duchess Of Windsor**

Pioneering eighteenth-century feminist Mary Wollstonecraft lived a life as radical as her vision of a fairer world. She overcame great disadvantages - poverty (her abusive, sybaritic father squandered the family fortune), a frivolous education, and the stigma of being unmarried in a man's world. Her life changed when Thomas Paine's publisher, Joseph Johnson, determined to make her a writer. Wollstonecraft lived as fully as a man would, socializing with

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the great painters, poets, and revolutionaries of her era. She traveled to Paris during the French Revolution; fell in love with Gilbert Imlay, a fickle American; and, unmarried, openly bore their daughter, Fanny. This biography of Mary Wollstonecraft gives a balanced view. Diane Jacobs also continues Wollstonecraft's story by concluding with those of her daughters.

This will be the first serious yet sympathetic book by a female biographer to explain the story of how an American divorcee became a hate figure for allegedly ensnaring a British King from his throne. It focuses on the core conflict of her life in the 1930s,

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with particular reference to her impoverished American childhood as a motivation for her ambition. Firmly grounded in scientific research, this book reveals that women follow a predictable developmental course through adulthood. Work and marriage relationships, personal crisis, emotional states, and behavior can all be related to this grand pattern. But in the case of women, the situation is made far more complicated by gender biases. When Agnes Morley Cleaveland was born on a New Mexico cattle ranch in 1874, the term "Wild West" was a reality, not a cliché. In those days cowboys didn't know they were picturesque, horse

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rustlers were to be handled as seemed best on the occasion, and young ladies thought nothing of punching cows and hunting grizzlies in between school terms.

How We See Ourselves

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A Quarter-Life Woman's Guide to  
Balance and Direction

Her Own Woman

The Early Life of Jane Addams

Women in the Life of Andrew  
Jackson

Women and the Uses of Reading in  
Everyday Life

In a recent study, ninety percent of women stated that they 'expect to transition' within the next five years.

Rather than be frustrated,

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Rosetti argues that with thought and some elbow grease, transition is not only healthy but rewarding. *Women and Transition* is a step-by-step how-to guide that every woman can learn from.

Fifty photographers chronicle moments in the lives of a wide diversity of American women--their daily lives, challenges, and roles in society--in a compilation accompanied by essay-length personal profiles, narrative captions, and quotations.

Ona Kartanas was orphaned at an early age, experienced the Soviet and Nazi occupations of

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Lithuania during World War II, lived in displaced persons camps in Germany after the war, immigrated to Colombia and later the United States. This book is a series of prose vignettes that chronicle her story of loss, war, displacement and struggle.

Examines the life and times of forty-five-year-old Linda Green, a typical suburban wife and mother, and shows how her story reflects and informs the story of her generation

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Free Woman

The Biology, Psychology, and  
Spirituality of the Feminine Life  
Cycle

The Life and Unsolved Murder  
of Presidential Mistress Mary  
Meyer

The midtwenties through  
the midthirties can be a  
time of difficult  
transition: the security  
blankets of college and  
parents are gone, and it's  
suddenly time to make far-  
reaching decisions about  
career, investments, and  
adult identity. When

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author Christine Hassler experienced what she calls the "twenties triangle", she found that she was not alone. In fact, an entire generation of young women is questioning their choices, unsure if what they've been striving for is what they really want. They're eager to set a new course for their lives, even if that means giving up what they have. Hassler herself left a fast-moving career that wasn't right for her and instead took the risk of starting her own business. Now, based on her own experience and



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interviews with hundreds of women, she shares heartfelt stories on issues from career to parents to boyfriends to babies. Yet she also provides practical exercises to enable today's woman to chart a new direction for her life.

A genre-defying memoir in which Lara Feigel experiments with sexual, intellectual and political freedom while reading and pursuing Doris Lessing How might we live more freely, and will we be happier or lonelier if we do? Re-

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reading *The Golden Notebook* in her thirties, shortly after Doris Lessing's death, Lara Feigel discovered that Lessing spoke directly to her as a woman, a writer, and a mother in a way that no other novelist had done. At a time when she was dissatisfied with the conventions of her own life, Feigel was enticed by Lessing's vision of freedom. *Free Woman* is essential reading for anyone whose life has been changed by books or has questioned the structures by which they live. Feigel

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tells Lessing's own story, veering between admiration and fury at the choices Lessing made. At the same time, she scrutinises motherhood, marriage and sexual relationships with an unusually acute gaze. And in the process she conducts a dazzling investigation into the joys and costs of sexual, psychological, intellectual and political freedom. This is a genre-defying book: at once a meditation on life and literature and a daring act of self-exposure. Using recent hormonal and

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neurological research, the author shows how women can use mood swings and life changes to achieve greater health and well being

A memoir by the woman who knew Bob Marley best--his wife, Rita. Rita Marley grew up in the slums of Trench Town, Jamaica.

Abandoned by her mother at a very young age, she was raised by her aunt. Music ran in Rita's family, and even as a child her talent for singing was pronounced. By the age of 18, Rita was an unwed mother, and it was then that she met Bob Marley at

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a recording studio in Trench Town. Bob and Rita became close friends, fell in love, and soon, she and her girlfriends were singing backup for the Wailers. At the ages of 21 and 19, Bob and Rita were married. The rest is history: Bob Marley and the Wailers set Jamaica and the world on fire. But while Rita displayed blazing courage, joy, and an indisputable devotion to her husband, life with Bob was not easy. There were his liaisons with other women--some of which produced children and were

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conducted under Rita's roof. The press repeatedly reported that Bob was unmarried to preserve his "image." But Rita kept her self-respect, and when Bob succumbed to cancer in 1981, she was at his side. In the years that followed, she became a force in her own right--as the Bob Marley Foundation's spokesperson and a performer in her reggae group, the I-Three. Written with author Hettie Jones, *No Woman No Cry* is a no-holds-barred account of life with one of the most famous musicians of

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all time. In No Woman No Cry, readers will learn about the never-before-told details of Bob Marley's life, including: How Rita practiced subsistence farming when first married to Bob to have food for her family. How Rita rode her bicycle into town with copies of Bob's latest songs to sell. How Rita worked as a housekeeper in Delaware to help support her family when her children were young. Why Rita chose to befriend some of the women with whom Bob had affairs and to give them advice on

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rearing the children they had with Bob. The story of the attack on Bob which almost killed the two of them. Bob's last wishes, dreams, and hopes, as well as the details of his death, such as who came to the funeral (and who didn't).

One Woman's Life

No Place for a Woman

Book Clubs

The Women in His Life

The Life of Edith Penrose

The Heart of a Woman

Polaroid SX-70 Impressions

**“Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil meets Camelot.”—Washington**



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**Post Book World In 1964, Mary Pinchot Meyer, the beautiful, rebellious, and intelligent ex-wife of a top CIA official, was killed on a quiet Georgetown towpath near her home. Mary Meyer was a secret mistress of President John F. Kennedy, whom she had known since private school days, and after her death, reports that she had kept a diary set off a tense search by her brother-in-law, newsman Ben Bradlee, and CIA spymaster James Jesus Angleton. But the**

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**only suspect in her murder was acquitted, and today her life and death are still a source of intense speculation, as Nina Burleigh reveals in her widely praised book, the first to examine this haunting story. Praise for A Very Private Woman**  
**“Power is so utterly fascinating. Sometimes it’s used for evil purposes, like the kind of power that has silenced the telling of Mary Pinchot Meyer’s mysterious murder for over three decades. In A**

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**Very Private Woman, Nina Burleigh has finally told this tragic tale of a privileged beauty with friends in high places.”—Dominick Dunne “A superbly crafted, evocative glimpse of an adventurous spirit whose grisly murder remains a mystery.”—San Francisco Chronicle Book Review “Proves that every Washington sex scandal is juicy in its own way.”—Glamour “Nina Burleigh has dissected Washington’s most**

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**intriguing murder mystery and produced a captivating biography, a thriller, and an insightful portrait of Georgetown in its golden presidential age.”—Christopher Ogden, bestselling author of *Life of the Party: The Life of Pamela Digby Churchill Hayward Harriman* “Provocative, erudite . . . pure Georgetown noir.”—New York Observer “A rich array of real-life characters.”—New York Times Book Review**  
**Description: The feminine**

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**spirit soars in Power of a Woman as Eleanor of Aquitaine, toughest of medieval women, relates her memoirs: of caring and loyalties, triumphs and trials; of her marriages to two warring kings, Louis VII of France, then Henry II of England. She speaks intimately, emotionally of her too many quarreling sons, including Richard the Lionheart and John, of Magna Carta fame. A patron of troubadours, Eleanor commissions poetry as propaganda.**

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**She regales her readers with intrigues, crusades and tales of ruthless diplomacy against barons, kings, popes and Thomas Becket, while confessing her loves, her hopes for her many children, and their fates. In midlife her sense of community leads her to set up her Court of Ladies to balance male-dominated worlds of Church and state. Her mission: to empower women with the Grace she enjoyed as the femme fatale of her day.**

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**Eleanor's power of a woman lets her pluck triumph from her defeats as well as her victories. Reviews: Those of you who know me know that for me to give a work of historical fiction a high rating, it has to offer something extraordinary. This Robert Fripp has done in Power of a Woman. In this highly unusual fictional autobiography, Mr. Fripp tells Eleanor of Aquitaine's story in her own words, as if she is dictating to a young lady**

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**in her household. Power of a Woman: review by Melissa Snell, Your Guide to Medieval History at About.com, which posts her full review at: [http://historymedren.about.com/od/ewho/fr/fripp\\_eleanor.htm](http://historymedren.about.com/od/ewho/fr/fripp_eleanor.htm) -Melissa Snell, Your Guide to Medieval History at About.com Finally! Power of a Woman brings us an autobiography of Eleanor of Aquitaine that is accessible and entertaining. Telling her story in Eleanor's voice, Robert Fripp brings us medieval Europe through**



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**her eyes. At eighty-one, she hasn't much time. We feel her urgency, the chill in her bones. Impeccable research and storytelling combine to make this a must for all who want to know more about this fascinating woman. Her definition of love survives to this day! What a great read. This is so gripping. I got so totally caught up in this story one night that I woke up with images of Eleanor in my mind, and Kate Hepburn's voice in my ear. I love this tale. -Veronica Prior,**

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**Round Rock, TX Power of a Woman is gripping in its wealth of detail. It makes me feel like I am in the midst of the action. Of all books I have read, this is the only one that makes me experience what it must have felt like to have lived through those troublesome, exciting times. Such a wonderful, exciting book!**  
**-Lady Shirley Cassidy, Dublin, Ireland Author Bio: British-born Robert Fripp gained a medieval outlook from five years on a choral scholarship in**

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**the choir of Salisbury Cathedral, the model for Lord of the Flies. He went on to study earth sciences before producing current affairs television for CBC in Toronto. He also: created IBM Visions magazine about high-performance computing; worked for Japan's public broadcaster; and wrote a book with great reviews, Let There Be Life, about cosmic and organic origins. Power of a Woman tells the memoirs of Eleanor of Aquitaine.**

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**Robert Fripp is hard to typecast; RobertFripp.ca may help.**

**When she started working with the aged more than forty years ago, Ann Burack-Weiss began storing the knowledge and skills she thought would help when she got old herself. It was not until she hit her mid-seventies that she realized she had packed sneakers to climb Mount Everest, not anticipating the crevices and chasms that constitute the rocky terrain of old age. The**

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**professional gerontological and social work literature offered little help, so she turned to the late-life works of beloved women authors who had bravely climbed the mountain and sent back news from the summit. Maya Angelou, Colette, Simone de Beauvoir, Joan Didion, Marguerite Duras, M. F. K. Fisher, Doris Lessing, Mary Oliver, Adrienne Rich, May Sarton, and Florida Scott-Maxwell were among the many guides she turned to for**

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**inspiration. In The  
Lioness in Winter, Burack-  
Weiss blends an analysis  
of key writings from  
these and other famed  
women authors with her  
own wisdom to create an  
essential companion for  
older women and those  
who care for them. She  
fearlessly examines  
issues such as living with  
loss, finding comfort and  
joy in unexpected places,  
and facing disability and  
death. This book is filled  
with powerful passages  
from women who turned  
their experiences of**

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**aging into art, and Burack-Weiss ties their words to her own struggles and epiphanies, framing their collective observations with key insights from social work practice.**

**From the #1 New York Times-bestselling author of A Woman of Substance comes a billionaire tycoon's lifelong search for the right woman's love. Born in Berlin and orphaned by World War II, Maxim Westheim is left to fend for himself. With brains, charm, and grit,**

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**he forges a new identity for himself as Maximilian West, billionaire corporate raider. Max is ruthless in the business world, but his personal affairs are another story. His work takes him around the world to such opulent locales as London, New York, Paris, Venice, and Morocco, mingling with the world's rich and powerful. But his marriages end in divorce, and even his mistresses can't avoid heartbreak. When his life is shattered, he looks back**



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**at the women who have loved him and begins a search into his own soul which will lead to the one woman who holds the key to his heart. “Legions of readers undoubtedly will be satisfied by the romantic fortunes of the cultured, wealthy and powerful people whose lives she evokes.”**

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**Life**

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**to Feminists-How Women**

**Shaped the Life and**

**Culture of America**

**No Woman No Cry**

**A Woman's Life**

**The Women in the Life of**

**the Sun King**

The Art of the Woman explores the life of German-born Elisabet Ney, a flamboyant sculptor who transfixed the philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer and left the court of the half-mad Ludwig of Bavaria to put down new roots in Texas. Born in 1833, Ney gained notoriety in Europe by sculpting the busts of such figures as

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Ludwig II, Schopenhauer, Garibaldi, and Bismarck. In 1871 she abruptly emigrated to America and became something of a recluse until resuming her sculpting career two decades later. In Texas, she was known for stormy relationships with officials, patrons, and women ' s organizations. Her works included sculptures of Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin and are exhibited in the state and US capitols as well as the Smithsonian. Emily Fourmy Cutrer ' s biography of Ney makes extensive use of primary sources and was the first to appraise both Ney ' s legend and individual works of art. Cutrer argues that Ney was an accomplished sculptor coming out of a neglected German neoclassical tradition and that, whatever her failures and eccentricities, she was an important catalyst to cultural activity in Texas. From one of America's most respected

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critics comes an acclaimed biography of the controversial feminist. Here, Heilbrun illuminates the life and explores the many facets of Steinem's complex life, from her difficult childhood to the awakening that changed her into the most famous feminist in the world. Intimate and insightful, here is a biography that is as provocative as the woman who inspired it. Photos.

The Heart of a Woman offers the first-ever biography of Florence B. Price, a composer whose career spanned both the Harlem and Chicago Renaissances, and the first African American woman to gain national recognition for her works. Price's twenty-five years in Chicago formed the core of a working life that saw her create three hundred works in diverse genres, including symphonies and orchestral suites, art songs, vocal and choral music, and arrangements of spirituals. Through interviews and a wealth of material from

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public and private archives, Rae Linda Brown illuminates Price's major works while exploring the considerable depth of her achievement. Brown also traces the life of the extremely private individual from her childhood in Little Rock through her time at the New England Conservatory, her extensive teaching, and her struggles with racism, poverty, and professional jealousies. In addition, Brown provides musicians and scholars with dozens of musical examples.

One of the most prominent female voices of the Beat generation speaks out about her life in the 1950s Greenwich Village art and literary scenes.

Love and Louis XIV

The Seasons of a Woman's Life

A Life of Senator Margaret Chase Smith

The Life of an Ordinary Woman

Life, Liberation, and Doris Lessing

The New York Years : a Memoir

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### That Woman

A biography of one of the most underrated economists of the 20th century, whose remarkable and eventful life paralleled key events of her time. Edith Penrose's work is now the cornerstone of current thought on business strategy and entrepreneurship.

The inspiring true story of an indomitable librarian's journey from Nazi Germany to Seattle to Vietnam--all for the love of books. Growing up under Fascist censorship in Nazi Germany, Ruth Rappaport absorbed a forbidden community of ideas in banned books. After fleeing her home in Leipzig at fifteen and losing both parents to the Holocaust, Ruth drifted between vocations, relationships, and countries, searching for belonging and purpose.

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When she found her calling in librarianship, Ruth became not only a witness to history but an agent for change as well. Culled from decades of diaries, letters, and photographs, this epic true story reveals a driven woman who survived persecution, political unrest, and personal trauma through a love of books. It traces her activism from the Zionist movement to the Red Scare to bibliotherapy in Vietnam and finally to the Library of Congress, where Ruth made an indelible mark and found a home. Connecting it all, one constant thread: Ruth's passion for the printed word, and the haven it provides--a haven that, as this singularly compelling biography proves, Ruth would spend her life making accessible to others. This wasn't just a career for Ruth Rappaport. It was her

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Are you afraid that . . . you'll never reach the end of dirty diapers? You'll never be free of carpool duty? Your teenager's rebellion will never end? The empty nest is just a little too empty? Fear not, seasons change. You blink twice and find yourself in another situation. Maybe longing for the "old days" or maybe grateful for the freshness of a new season. But like it or not, the seasons will come, each in its sequence and each in its own time. Using lively examples from her own life and those of other women - including Esther - Lois Evans challenges you to discover the purpose of your life and to depend on Him as He teaches the lessons of each season. In this book, you will find helpful principles, recognize familiar emotions, and take to heart



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encouraging promises from the pages of God's Word. In this edition a new chapter on the grandparenting season has been added. And to help you dig deeper - whether alone or with friends - chapter study questions are included.

From colonial to modern-day times this narrative history, incorporating first-person accounts, traces the development of women's roles in America. Against the backdrop of major historical events and movements, the authors examine the issues that changed the roles and lives of women in our society. Note: This edition does not include photographs.

The Life, Loves, and Legacy of Ruth Rappaport

A Useful Woman

The Life of Mary Wollstonecraft

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A Well-Read Woman

A History of Women in America

The True Story of a Woman, Her  
Horse, and Their Last-Chance Journey  
Across America

**For fans of the Netflix series  
The Crown and from the  
author of the New York  
Times bestseller 17  
Carnations comes a  
captivating biography of  
Wallis Simpson, the  
notorious woman for whom  
Edward VIII gave up the  
throne. "You have no idea  
how hard it is to live out a  
great romance." -Wallis  
Simpson Before she became**

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**known as the woman who enticed a king from his throne and birthright, Bessie Wallis Warfield was a prudish and particular girl from Baltimore. At turns imaginative, ambitious, and spoiled, Wallis's first words as recalled by her family were "me, me." From that young age, she was in want of nothing but stability, status, and social acceptance as she fought to climb the social ladder and take her place in London society. As irony would have it, she would gain the love and devotion of a king, but**

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**only at the cost of his throne and her reputation. In WALLIS IN LOVE, acclaimed biographer Andrew Morton offers a fresh portrait of Wallis Simpson in all her vibrancy and brazenness as she transformed from a hard-nosed gold-digger to charming chatelaine. Using diary entries, letters, and other never-before-seen records, Morton takes us through Wallis's romantic adventures in Washington, China, and her entrance into the strange wonderland that is London society. During her journey, we meet an**

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**extraordinary array of characters, many of whom smoothed the way for her dalliance with the king of England, Edward VIII. WALLIS IN LOVE goes beyond Wallis's infamous persona and reveals a complex, domineering woman striving to determine her own fate and grapple with matters of the heart. A Woman's Book of LifeThe Biology, Psychology, and Spirituality of the Feminine Life CycleRiverhead Books (Hardcover) In Anne Ellis, readers will discover the perfect blend of**

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**the ordinary and the extraordinary, a pioneer who, "like the most valued of friends, is a woman of wry wit, plain courage, keen perceptions" (Molly Gloss). Powerfully conjuring up the world of the mining camps and the colorful communities of the central Rocky Mountains, Ellis interweaves an invaluable history of the nineteenth-century American West with a valiant personal tale. Barbara Nichols (1928-1976), the "dame with the shapely frame," changed her reddish-brown**

**hair to platinum blonde, drew whistles as a semi-nude post-World War Two pin-up model, and was named Miss Long Island. Broadway beckoned and she drew attention in the Pal Joey musical. When Hollywood called, she filled a dubious niche in small, wisecracking roles, wringing both comedy and tragedy from cheesy, dim-witted stereotypical strippers, gold-diggers, barflies, gun molls, and floozies. Barbara scored great reviews in films, such as Pal Joey (1957), Sweet Smell of Success (1957) and**

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**The Pajama Game (1957). Her later work on television cemented her archetypical characterizations on The Bob Cummings Show (1958-1960), Love that Jill (1958), The Jack Benny Program (1958-1960), The Red Skelton Hour (1958-1960), The Beverly Hillbillies (1962), Adam-12(1968), The Twilight Zone (1959), The Untouchables (1959) and Batman, among others. Always the life of the party and smiling before the public, her private life spiraled down into a**



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**whirlpool of troubled relationships and heartbreaking decline. Forever haunted by her unbreakable image as “that kind of woman,” Barbara ultimately fell victim to the perilous price of fame, yet her sunny character and the hilarious anecdotes recalled by co-workers, directors, and relatives live on as a testament to her enduring appeal. The author has drawn from extensive interviews with Tab Hunter, Michael Dante, Marvin Kaplan, Paula Stewart, Barbara Luna,**

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**Mamie Van Doren, Shirley Knight, director William Byron Hillman, Barbara's psychic, two of her relatives, fellow high school students, and friends.**

**Filmography.Index.**

**Bibliography. Foreword by her second-cousin, John Carpenter. Illustrated with more than 200 photographs from her personal archives.**

**The Ride of Her Life**

**Power of a Woman**

**A Day in the Life of the**

**American Woman**

**No Ordinary Woman**

**Wallis in Love**

**Seasons of a Woman's Life**

## **A Woman's Book of Life**

***No Place for a Woman is the first biography to analyze Margaret Chase Smith's life and times by using politics and gender as the lens through which we can understand this Maine senator's impact on American politics and American women. Sherman's research is based upon more than one hundred hours of personal interviews with Senator Smith, and extensive research in primary and government documents, including those from the holdings of the Margaret Chase Smith Library.***

***Ever wonder how to best dress your apple-shaped figure? Do you know the top twelve rules on how to properly (and discreetly) conduct an affair? The Book for***

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***Dangerous Women is a sly, elegant encyclopedia of practical wisdom by three women who know a bit about life and bring their myriad of experiences of bear on topics such as marriage, infidelity, motherhood, sex, fashion, friendship, work, and self-discovery. More than five hundred entries of safe advice show us how to get through life with a little grace and a lot of fun — from how to accept compliments to when to wear "cami-knickers," to how to deal with ambivalence (toward lovers, friends, or foes), and why owning a cat and a fancy dress may be more fulfilling than sex. Many entries include insights from the famed and infamous, such as Oscar Wilde, Coco***

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**Chanel, Mae West, Eve Ensler, Albert Camus, Anaïs Nin, and William Shakespeare. Written and compiled by three dangerously knowledgeable, absolutely fabulous, and mordantly witty women, *The Book for Dangerous Women* is a must-have guide for moments of crisis and a delectable compendium of humour and advice.**

***The first full scale biography of Wallis Simpson to be written by a woman, exploring the mind of one of the most glamorous and reviled figures of the Twentieth Century, a character who played prominently in the blockbuster film *The King's Speech*. This is the story of the American divorcee notorious for allegedly***

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***seducing a British king off his throne. "That woman," so called by Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, was born Bessie Wallis Warfield in 1896 in Baltimore. Neither beautiful nor brilliant, she endured an impoverished childhood, which fostered in her a burning desire to rise above her circumstances. Acclaimed biographer Anne Sebba offers an eye-opening account of one of the most talked about women of her generation. It explores the obsessive nature of Simpson's relationship with Prince Edward, the suggestion that she may have had a Disorder of Sexual Development, and new evidence showing she may never have wanted to marry Edward at all. Since her death, Simpson has***

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***become a symbol of female empowerment as well as a style icon. But her psychology remains an enigma. Drawing from interviews and newly discovered letters, That Woman shines a light on this captivating and complex woman, an object of fascination that has only grown with the years.***

***The superb historian and biographer Antonia Fraser, author of Marie Antoinette, casts new light on the splendor and the scandals of the reign of Louis XIV in this dramatic, illuminating look at the women in his life. The self-proclaimed Sun King, Louis XIV ruled over the most glorious and extravagant court in seventeenth-century Europe. Now, Antonia Fraser goes behind***

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***Vallière, who bore him several children before being replaced by the tempestuous and brilliant Athénaïs, marquise de Montespan. Later, when Athénaïs's reputation was tarnished, the King continued to support her publicly as Athénaïs left court for a life of repentance. Meanwhile her children's governess, the intelligent and seemingly puritanical Françoise de Maintenon, had already won the King's affections; in a relationship in complete contrast to his physical obsession with Athénaïs, Louis XIV lived happily with Madame de Maintenon for the rest of his life, very probably marrying her in secret. When his grandson's child bride, the enchanting Adelaide of Savoy,***

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