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Girls Who Rocked the World: Heroines from Joan of Arc to Mother Teresa

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Book Review

Title: Girls Who Rocked the World: Heroines from Joan of Arc to Mother Teresa

Author: Michelle Rohm McCann & Amelie Welden

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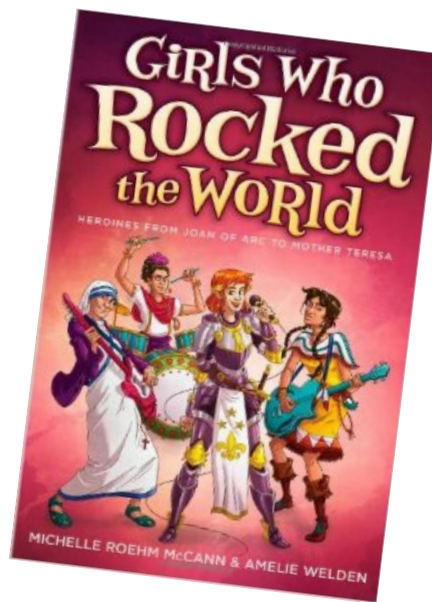
ISBN: 9781582703619

Number of Pages: 248

Interest Level: Intermediate, Young Adult

Rating: Outstanding

Review



From painters to pilots, inventors to nurses, and poets to warriors, *Girls Who Rocked the World* by Michelle Rohm McCann and Amelie Welden is an inspiring, biographical collection of stories of young women from all over the globe who made a significant difference in their communities. Each chapter discusses the life of a new subject, usually one woman but there are a few chapters about sisters who made a difference together. Their stories begin with a textually dramatized account of a significant event in each woman's life. Typically the introductory story is about their inspiration, their why, and their launching point toward greatness. There is a wide variety of women, occupations, achievements, countries, and historical time periods presented. The book also incorporates contributions from contemporary young women who discuss their own stories and plans for "rocking the world" at the end of each biography.

The authors of *Girls Who Rocked the World* do an excellent job of making the stories of these incredible women both engaging and inspiring. They also achieve an important goal of bringing to light the lives of women who have all but been forgotten, and demonstrate that anyone of any gender, color, socioeconomic background, or national origin can accomplish amazing things. The stories are long enough to contain the most important information, but short enough that each biography can be read in 5 minutes or less. Young readers will find themselves engaged and anxious to read the next chapter. The authors have researched their topic exceptionally well and have selected a wide variety of examples from all different disciplines, cultures, and time periods. Although there will be a few familiar names, most readers will be unfamiliar with the majority of the women in this book. Overall, this book is a wonderful read for tweens, teens, and even adults who need a little inspiration and hope for the future.

*Contains true accounts of slavery, kidnapping, suicide, violence, and medical descriptions.