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Ladies of Liberty is a book about the women who helped to lay the groundwork for the United States. Included are stories about a number of women who were educators, writers, mothers, reformers, novelists, explorers, and more. These women opened orphanages, started women’s rights movements, supported presidents, raised children, and powerfully helped to form a young nation. Women such as Sacagawea, a Native American who helped lead Lewis and Clark through the Louisiana Territory, and Lucy Terrace Prince, a freed slave and brilliant poet and orator, offer stories about amazing women “of color” during a time where skin color was a statement in and of itself. Included throughout the book are insights to the culture, timelines, and references to widely known male historical figures.

This is a wonderful book to teach history! Cokie Roberts gives a clear picture of the power women had on the United States’ early years. Her summaries of their lives show a vast variety of women and their chosen areas of focus, praising their work whether it was in the home or as public figures. Diane Goode, the illustrator, has illustrated renditions of each highlighted woman. She uses a sepia calligraphy as the base to her art. For being a picture book, Ladies of Liberty contains a high volume of information. This book is a perfect addition to any library and will be a special hit for young girls. The message that women can and should have a powerful influence on the world can be clearly felt on every page.

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