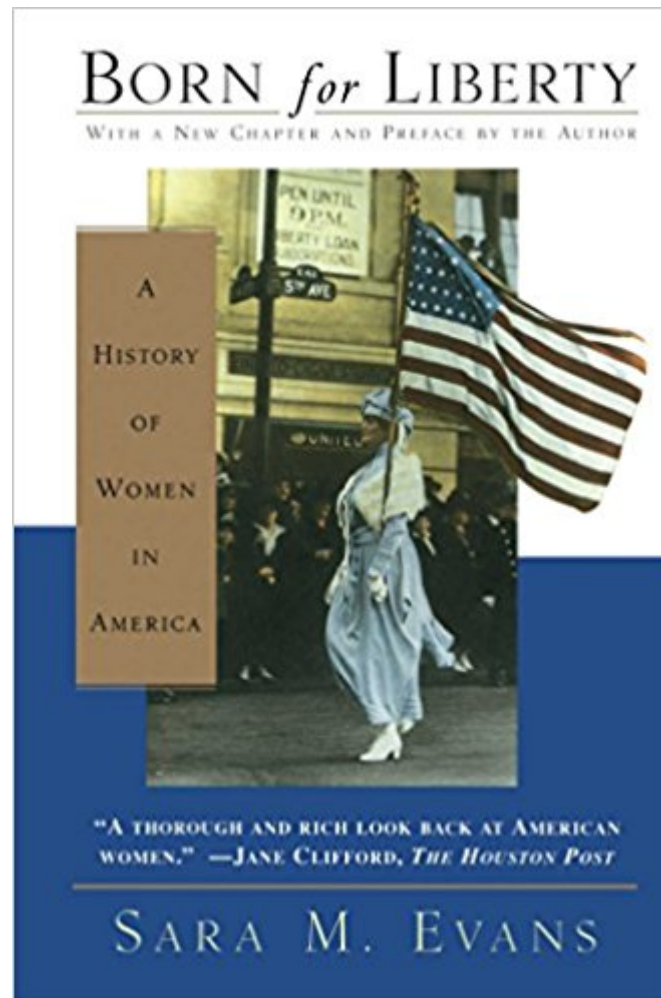




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It is the view of Evans, director of the Center for Advanced Feminist Studies at the University of Minnesota and author of *Personal Politics*, that "to understand the force of women's experience . . . we must adjust our vision so that we can see the world not only through the major male figures in the foreground but also through the eyes of female figures--a Puritan good wife, an African slave, an Iroquois matron, a westering woman, a female immigrant, a settlement house worker, a secretary." She advances to this end by melding the stories of representative, sometimes well-known, women into the larger sphere of American politics and public life. Richly diverse accounts exemplify the challenge and struggle that have defined and continue to alter the roles of women in our nation's development. In this respect Evans's useful exploration of the participatory nature of women's history in the United States differs from the majority of feminist literature. Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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This was mandatory for my 300-level American Women's History class. I found it an excellent, concise summary of major events. A little dry at times, but the sheer amount of material packed into the chapters made it well worth the reading. Excellent snapshot of major events in American Women's History.

This book was a requirement for a class that I was taking. I found it one of the best books that I have read regarding women and their growth through time. It read like a novel not a text book. The detail was amazing throughout the book.

When I started reading this, I was thinking I was going to be reading a feminist book and would make me a feminist at the end. I was wrong. The book gives a good account of women's rights and the movement behind it. I became more aware of the movement as a whole and how it affects me as a woman in America now.

Good

I bought this for a history class but it's an easy enough read for fun

Great item

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