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## Women of the Lone Star State: 25 Texas Women You Should Know

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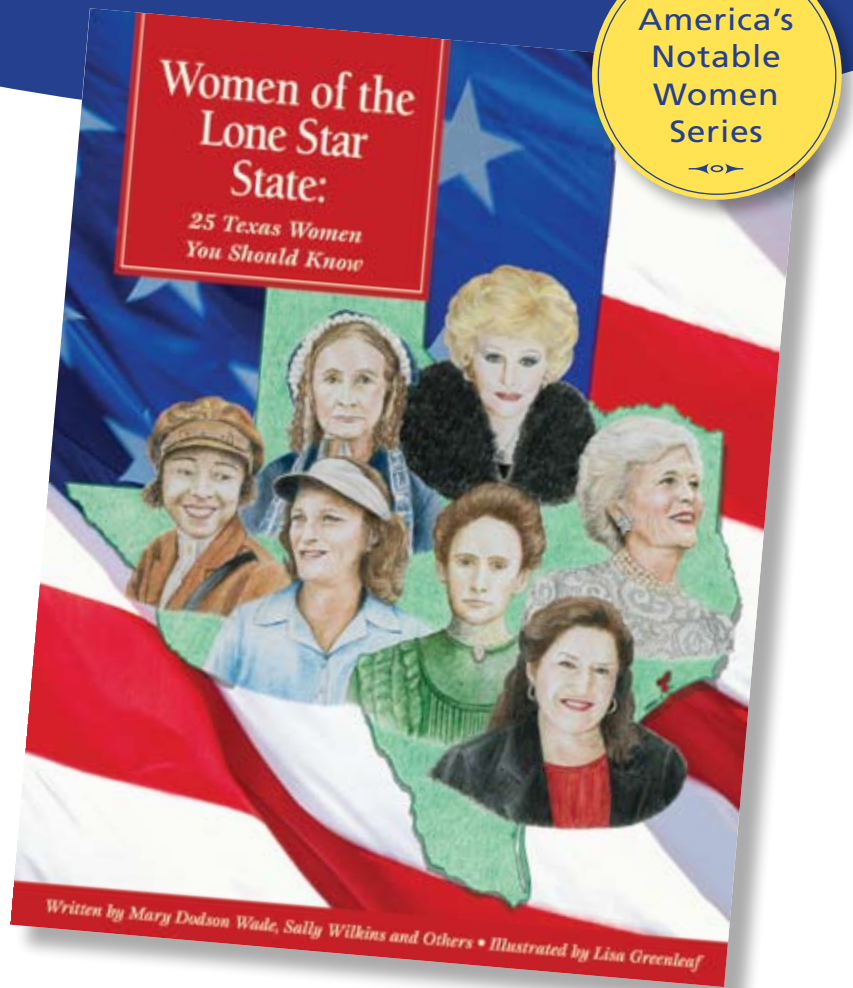
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### Featuring 25 Texas Women

- Mary Kay Ash:** *Cosmetics Queen*
- Mollie Bailey:** *Circus Queen and Spy*
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- Annie Webb Blanton:** *Educator and Suffragist*
- Barbara Bush:** *First Lady and Crusader for Literacy*
- Bessie Coleman:** *Queen of the Sky*
- Viola Johnson Coleman:** *Civil Rights Pioneer and Activist.*
- Clara Driscoll:** *Politician and Philanthropist*
- Miriam “Ma” Ferguson:** *First Woman Governor of Texas*
- Molly Goodnight:** *Mother of the Panhandle*
- Connie Hagar:** *The “Bird Lady” of Texas*
- María Hinojosa de Ballí:** *First “Cattle Queen” of Texas*
- Oveta Culp Hobby:** *Publisher, Military Officer, and Government Leader*
- Peggy Hull:** *First Accredited Female War Correspondent*
- Barbara Jordan:** *U.S. Congresswoman*
- Anastasia Liukin:** *Olympic Gymnast*
- Jane Long:** *Mother of Texas*
- Marion Koogler McNay:** *Artist and Art Collector*
- Elizabet Ney:** *Sculptress and “Great Person of the World”*
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- Guadalupe Quintanilla:** *Creator of Cross-cultural Understanding*
- Mary Crownover Rabb:** *Woman of the Frontier*
- Ann Richards:** *Politician*
- Waldine Amanda Tauch:** *Sculptor*
- “Babe” Zaharias:** *Woman Athlete of the 20th Century*



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**Jane Long** knew many important persons involved in the Texas Revolution. Sam Houston, William Travis, and Mirabeau Lamar stayed at her boarding house.



**Elizbet Ney's** marble portrait of Lady Macbeth is in the Smithsonian Museum. Some think it is a self portrait. Many feel it is her masterpiece.



**Annie Webb Blanton** spoke at the 1916 State Teachers' Association annual meeting. She asked them to include women among their elected officers. The members elected Annie president.



**Miriam "Ma" Ferguson** was the first woman elected governor in the U.S. However, Nellie Ross of Wyoming holds the official title of First U.S. Woman Governor because she was sworn in 15 days before Miriam.

**Connie Hagar** called her notebooks her "Nature Calendar." Eventually, she filled 25 volumes. She recorded incredible details about bird life on the Texas coast. The notebooks became a gold mine of scientific information for future birders.



**Peggy Hull** was awarded a Navy Commendation for her service in World War II.



A wrench lodged in the controls caused **Bessie Coleman's** plane to crash. Rumors said it was sabotage, but most likely it was the shoddy condition of the plane.



One hot day at a fair, a women's club president asked **Waldine Amanda Tauch** to carve something from a block of butter. The butter was melting. Waldine's sister kept the butter cool with a bag of melting ice. Waldine made a carving of a woman using a butter churn.

**Oveta Culp Hobby** was an avid reader. At ten, she had read the Congressional Record. By thirteen, she had read the bible three times. At nineteen, she had a personal library of 750 books on law, government, and poetry.



In Beaumont, Texas, the **Babe Didrikson Zaharias** Museum honors the person some call the greatest woman athlete of all time.



In high school **Barbara Bush** was afraid of public speaking. After George entered politics, she practiced with friends until she wasn't nervous. She gave thousands of speeches all over the country.



**Anastasia (Nastia) Liukin** tied with Mary Lou Retton (1984) and Shannon Miller (1992) for the most medals won at a single Olympics.