









## **Women-Centered Nonfiction and Fiction**

This list was commissioned by a patron who wanted recommendations for her granddaughter, a college student currently interested in becoming a lawyer. The granddaughter also enjoyed riding horses and running track, and the grandmother wanted women-focused true stories, either nonfiction or fictionalized, to inspire her interests. Not all books in the system.

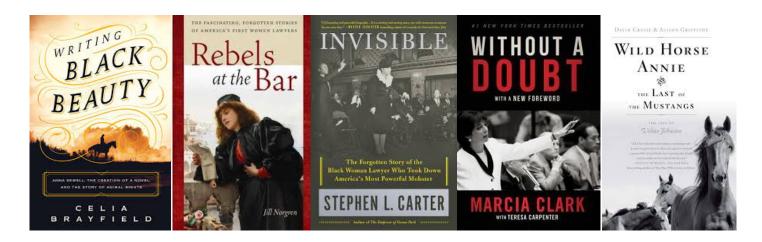
## **Books about Female Lawyers**

- Jill Norgren's *Rebels at the Bar: The Fascinating, Forgotten Stories of America's First Women Lawyers*. Profiles several of the first American women lawyers in the 1800s.
- Brad Ricca's Mrs. Sherlock Holmes: The True Story of New York City's Greatest Female

  Detective and the 1917 Missing Girl Case That Captivated a Nation. Biography of Grace Humiston, an early female attorney and also a detective who was even made a consultant to the NYPD.
- Stephen L. Carter's *Invisible: The Forgotten Story of the Black Woman Lawyer Who Took Down America's Most Powerful Mobster*. Biography of the author's grandmother, the only woman attorney selected to help bring down top mobster Lucky Luciano in the 1930s.
- Marcia Clark's Without a Doubt. Surprisingly funny and forthright memoir from the female prosecutor in the OJ Simpson case, covers both her life and the infamous trial.

## **Books About Women and Horses**

- Celia Brayfield's Writing Black Beauty: Anna Sewell, the Creation of a Novel, and the Story of Animal Rights. Biography of the author of horse fiction classic Black Beauty.
- David Cruise's Wild Horse Annie and the Last of the Mustangs: The Life of Velma Johnston. Biography of Velma Johnston, whose tireless advocacy helped save American Mustangs from being exterminated in the 1950s.





- **Linda Lafferty's** *The Shepherdess of Siena*. Historical fiction about Virginia Tacci, the first woman to ride in a famous horse race in Renaissance Italy. She breaks barriers and also boosts the spirits of her native city of Siena, which was conquered by Florence a couple of decades earlier.
- **Nicole M. Miller's** *Until Our Time Comes.* Christian historical romance novel based on a true story. Adia, an American horse trainer, is involved in the efforts to save Poland's Arabian horses from the renowned Janów Podlaski stables during World War II.

## Women Track and Field

- Roseanne Montillo's Fire on the Track: Betty Robinson and the Triumph of the Early Olympic Women. Biography of an early Olympic medalist who recovered from a terrible plane crash to run again. Also profiles other women medalists competing at the same time.
- Elise Hooper's Fast Girls: A Novel of the 1936 Women's Olympic Team. Historical fiction about the legendary American women's track team in 1936. One of the main characters is Betty from Fire on the Track.

