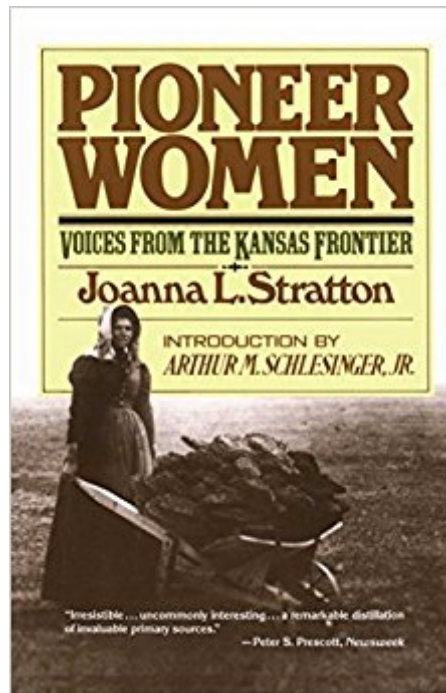




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# Pioneer Women: Voices From The Kansas Frontier



## Synopsis

From a rediscovered collection of autobiographical accounts written by hundreds of Kansas pioneer women in the early twentieth century, Joanna Stratton has created a collection hailed by Newsweek as "uncommonly interesting" and "a remarkable distillation of primary sources." Never before has there been such a detailed record of women's courage, such a living portrait of the women who civilized the American frontier. Here are their stories: wilderness mothers, schoolmarms, Indian squaws, immigrants, homesteaders, and circuit riders. Their personal recollections of prairie fires, locust plagues, cowboy shootouts, Indian raids, and blizzards on the plains vividly reveal the drama, danger and excitement of the pioneer experience. These were women of relentless determination, whose tenacity helped them to conquer loneliness and privation. Their work was the work of survival, it demanded as much from them as from their men and at last that partnership has been recognized. "These voices are haunting" (The New York Times Book Review), and they reveal the special heroism and industriousness of pioneer women as never before.

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wonderful stuff.Cleveland Plain Dealer A striking testimonial to the too often overlooked feminine half of the pioneer experience.

Joanna L. Stratton was born and raised in Washington, DC, but considers Kansas and her family there as her second home. She began her work on Pioneer Women while attending Harvard College, from which she graduated with honors in 1976. She is currently pursuing graduate studies at Stanford University.

Anyone interested in genealogy or the history of the Midwest should find Pioneer Women very worthwhile reading. As a native Kansan of advanced age, I could relate to many of the stories and chapters. I could imagine my Mother, Father or Grandparents telling each event. I would think that living in Kansas would be a bonus for enjoyment from reading this book but I sincerely believe segments would appeal to everyone and the Book in full would be a very wise use of time and excellent entertainment.

I was amazed to read about the hardships these women faced and how determined they were to overcome and succeed. It was inspiring.

My elderly mother loves non fiction stories. And as I live in the Midwest and she lives on the East Coast, she found this particularly interesting.I look for books to keep her interest. She is a voracious reader and she told me about parts of this book and how she is enjoying it.

Really enjoyed this book about how hard it was for women in this era!

Being a Kansan this book hit close to home. It is a peek into my own family history and an incite into the struggles they faced to forge a life. It impacts me even today. It is also fascinating to see how the development of our Kansas still affects attitudes and issues today.

.This is a great book that everyone should read.. If you think you have it hard today read this and thank God how blessed you are to live in this day and time. Our pioneers had a rough life and they were tough tough people. Makes you wonder how we here in the United States today would do living the lifestyle that our pioneer ancestors did. This is a five star read.

This was an ex book I enjoyed reading about these pioneer women and the lives they had the girls today wouldn't be able to handle the lives these women had with no mod cons like the women have today the women today would wonder what stuck them

I like the history of that time period.

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