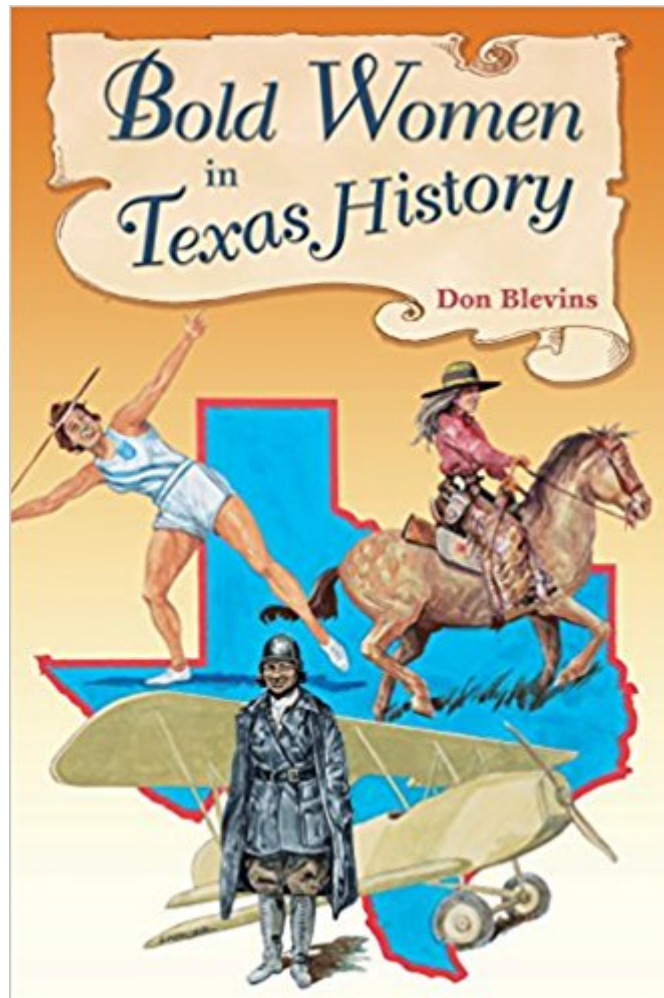




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Bold Women In Texas History



Synopsis

From the mysterious Angel of Goliad to the influential Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, the eleven women portrayed in this engaging book were indeed bold breaking down barriers of sexism, racism, and political opposition to emerge as heroines of their time. The second in a new state-by-state series for teen readers, *Bold Women in Texas History* reveals the feminine side of the Lone Star State's storied past. Within these pages are tales of fearless femmes who dared to dream and resolved to take action. Among them we meet Mollie Kirkland Bailey, circus owner and mother of nine, who served in the Civil War as both a nurse and a spy; Brave Bessie Coleman, who traveled to France to get the pilot's license that, because of her sex and her race, she was not allowed to earn in her home country; and Mildred Babe Zaharias, one of the greatest female athletes of all time. Perfect for school or home, this collection of short but informative biographies is both a valuable resource and an entertaining read. For readers young and old, *Bold Women in Texas History* proves what women can accomplish when they dare to be bold.

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Customer Reviews

Don Blevins, a native of Tennessee, retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1972 after twenty-one years of service and moved to San Marcos, Texas, where he took up a pen. His articles have been published in more than fifty regional, travel, and special-interest periodicals, and he is the author of five previous books, including *From Angels to Hellcats: Legendary Texas Women, 1836 to 1880* (Mountain Press Publishing, 2001).

Very interesting! Well researched!

This is a book written about eleven Lone Star daughters. These ladies had to be bold to get to where they wanted to go. Their stories are fascinating. Two ladies were Mexican, two black, some came from well to do families, others began life in poor families. This book would be interesting to Texans, particularly ladies. I won this book in a drawing. First lady mentioned is Francita Alavez who went out of her way to give aid and comfort to Americans who were fighting against the Mexicans during the war for Texas independence from Mexico. She was despised by her own nationals for helping Americans. Second lady number two was Elisabet Ney, German born sculptor who was strange, disliked conservative living, was a gifted sculptor who sculpted two Texas famous legislators. Elisabet had a loving husband, not so loving son. Third Lizzie Johnson Williams liked to work hard, make money, became wealthy, married late in life to a man who had problems with honest and work. But she loved him. She was a cattle queen, unusual in a woman. She became wealthy with all her ventures. Lady eleven, Barbara Jordan, a brilliant student, became a lawyer, never married, had a great public career, was the first black woman from the South elected to Congress. She died at 60 from several health problems. Lady ten, Babe Didrikson Zaharias, a great athlete in all sports, she loved sports, was a tomboy, cocky, rough and tough. She was an athlete when it was not popular for a lady to be interested in sports. She died at 45 of cancer. Lady eight, Bessie Coleman wanted to fly planes. A young black woman, she went to France to take flying lessons. She was not allowed to take these lessons in the United States. She loved flying and was killed when her plane crashed. She was only 34. Lady seven Jovita Idar was a journalist who wrote against prejudice. She was also a teacher, worked as a nurse and was active in politics. She did much for Mexicans. Lady four, Molly Kirkland Bailey came from wealth. She ran away from a private school, married, went into show business, had nine children, spied for the south, owned a circus plus did so many other things. she lived life to its fullest as did all these other ladies. Number five was Clara Driscoll, born into wealth who was instrumental in saving the Alamo. She donated much of her money toward buying the Alamo and restoring it to what it once was and should be again. This was to be for the use and benefit of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to be make a park of. This lady had many other accomplishments. The Alamo is much visited. Lady six was Minnie Fisher Cunningham who taught school, then attended college and became a pharmacist. She quit because men were paid more. She worked toward women's rights plus other issues that needed to be worked on. Lady nine was Oveta Culp Hobby whose family worked much in public life and affairs. She was a hard working woman, first woman to be Secretary of the Department of Health,

Education and Welfare. She was much involved in government and started the WAACs. She did so much for the government and had many honors. This book gives short histories about ladies who did so much to help Texas and its citizens plus the rest of this great country.

Such an interesting title! Everybody should read this Bold Women in Texas History unless you know women such as: Francita Alavez, Elisabet Ney and Clara Driscoll. Blevins gives us a view that helps make up the unique history of Texas and spotlights several women who help give Texas the attention it deserves. Historical events in this title are backed with sufficient sources as to make this account accurate. I suggest you pick up this title. It's fun!

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