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Bold Women of Michigan History Inspiring Tales of Women Who Dared

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It takes people of all kinds to shape a place. Abolitionists. Trade unionists. Artists. Scientists. Soldiers. Explorers. Traders. Crusaders. Senators. Designers. Michigan had all of these—and all of them, in this book at least, were women.

Written for young adults, *Bold Women in Michigan History* tells the stories of thirteen extraordinary women. Long before the existence of high-tech weatherproof gear, Madame de Cadillac paddled a canoe across two great lakes to help her husband found Detroit. Magdelaine LaFramboise grew rich as a fur trader. Disguised as a man, Emma Edmonds fought for two years in the Civil War. Lucy Thurman, Waunetta Dominic, and Delia Villegas Vorhauer fought other battles—for rights and social justice for their families and communities. Myra Wolfgang, the “Battling Belle of Detroit,” picketed and struck. Sippie Wallace sang—and lived—the blues. And Pearl Kendrick and Grace Eldering labored over a vaccine that would save millions of lives. The DPT (diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus) shot is still used today.

Perfect for school, recreational reading, and the history shelf, *Bold Women in Michigan History* is a resource for kids and adults who like good stories about real people who made a difference.

Virginia Burns is the author of two other books for young adults: *Tall Annie*, the tale of Ana Clemenc, who led striking miners in 1913, and *Gentle Hunter*, a biography of bacteriologist Alice Evans. A former teacher, Burns lives in Laingsburg, Michigan.

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