

This Month Americans Celebrate Women:

Mothers, sisters, daughters, and historical figures alike who fought, often into obscurity, for justice and equality. Women have risked their lives to secure the rights of children, workers, for our nation and fellow women.

Thanks to the work of progressive female writers, women earned some of the fundamental rights given to men and many began taking note of their talent instead of their gender.

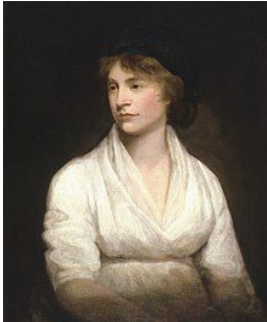
Female writers have given us some of the greatest novels, short stories, poems, films and essays ever written. In centuries past, Female writers struggled to get their work noticed, so a few resorted to various forms of concealment. Some used male pen names, initials or remained anonymous so that their work wouldn't be discounted because they were women. In no particular order, here are 5 female writers who changed history:



Alice Walker: Alice Walker is the first African-American woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for her novel *The Color Purple*.



Edith Wharton: Edith Wharton was an American novelist who was the first woman to win a Pulitzer Prize for literature for her novel *The Age of Innocence*.



Mary Wollstonecraft: Wollstonecraft was an accomplished author and influential public figure, who helped develop British feminism and philosophy. She is best known for her book, *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*.



Pearl S. Buck: Pearl S. Buck was an inspirational American writer who is most widely known for her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *The Good Earth* where she describes peasant life in China, a country that she resided in most of her life.



Margaret Mitchell: Author Margaret Mitchell is best known for writing the Pulitzer Prize-winning American classic *Gone With the Wind*. The novel was an instant success, selling more than a million copies in the first six months.

Join us this month in celebrating Women's month by celebrating the history of WNBA and the newly released ***Women in the Literary Landscape*** produced by WNBA members. The book is now available on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

CHAPTER NEWS - NEW BOARD MEMBERS:



Diana Giovinazzo Tierney - Social Media Chair

Through her blog, Creating Herstory, Diana Giovinazzo Tierney explores women's history and historical fiction. One half of the dynamic literary podcasting duo at Wine, Women and Words, they discuss literature and wine with the help of various guests. Diana is currently working on her first novel, *The Woman in Red: A Novel of Anita Garibaldi*.



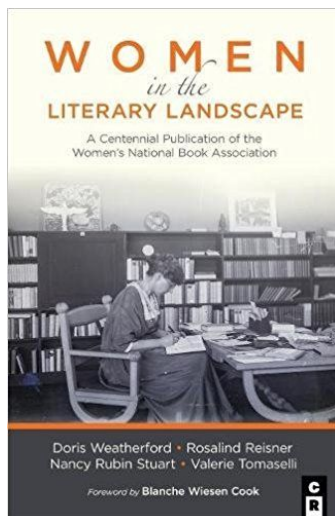
Ezina LeBlanc - Communications & Publicity Chair

Ezina is a bestselling author, TV personality, singer-songwriter, in-demand speaker, and founder and CEO of Victress Music & Publishing, the foremost authority on inspirational content for women. Ezina uses her infectious energy to empower women to take control of their lives and pursue their passions without fear. Motivational, inspirational, and always approachable, Ezina's tell-it-like-it-is

attitude is a refreshing approach that allows her to authentically connect with millions of women around the world through her weekly podcast *Guitar Goddess* on iHeart Radio.

Ezina has created innovative and inspirational content for top brands including Andersen Consulting, Mac Cosmetics, Saks Fifth Avenue, Nordstrom, McDonalds, JCPenney, Eli Lilly, and AT&T. Ezina resides in Los Angeles with her husband and furbabies.

MEMBER NEWS: WOMEN IN THE LITERARY LANDSCAPE



From colonial times, women have been at the forefront of significant developments in the literary community and the book world. Despite this important history, no single publication has provided an overview of women's roles in writing, publishing, bookselling, and librarianship. With ***Women in the Literary Landscape***, in honor of its Centennial, the WNBA breaks new ground with a narrative connecting women's contributions in these fields with the relevant social history. **Purchase:** [Amazon](#)