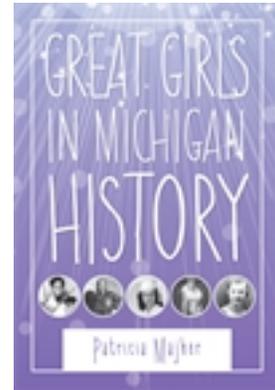




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Great Girls in Michigan History Showcases 20 Notable Young Women with Ties to Michigan

DETROIT—March 1, 2015—For young readers aged 8 and up, *Great Girls in Michigan History* highlights girls from Michigan’s past who did amazing things before they turned twenty years old. Author Patricia Majher presents easy-to-read mini-biographies of twenty girls with ties to Michigan—including a deep-sea diver, a dancer, an activist, an aviator, a singer, and a soldier. Together, they represent a variety of personal backgrounds and interests, locations across the state, and historical time periods.



Majher introduces little-known stories, like those of female aviator Nancy Harkness (Love), pioneer Anna Howard Shaw, escaped slave Dorothy Butler, professional baseball player Marilyn Jenkins, union leader Myra Komaroff (Wolfgang), and Native American writer Jane Johnston (Schoolcraft). She also includes figures that many readers will recognize—including First Lady Betty Bloomer (Ford), jockey Julie Krone, Motown star Diana Ross, and tennis champion Serena Williams. Majher shows that while life wasn’t always easy for these girls, they were able to overcome any number of obstacles to achieve their goals. *Great Girls in Michigan History* includes a brief section on each girl’s life after the age of twenty and a glossary of selected vocabulary words at the end of the book.

With its depictions of young women who have not typically been represented in history texts, this book will be inspirational reading for upper elementary school students and welcomed by Michigan schools, bookstores, and public libraries.

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