New & Noteworthy List for March 2017

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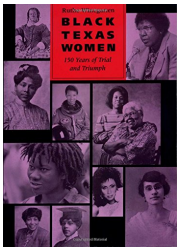
In honor of Women's History Month, we are highlighting books by or about Texas women from our collection. To arrange check out and delivery of any of these items, please contact the library at 463-1252.



1. Black Texas Women: 150 Years of Trial and Triumph By Ruthe Winegarten
Examines the lives of black Texas women, going as far back as the Spanish colonial period, when women of color were not only free, but owned land and worked in Texas under the anti-slavery Mexican laws. Describes the pro-slavery Republic of Texas era in which white society took everything from black citizens – not only their freedom and land, but their civil rights, dignity, and self-respect. Paints a vivid picture of the lives of these inspiring women through their stories and photographs.
University of Texas Press, 1995. 427.
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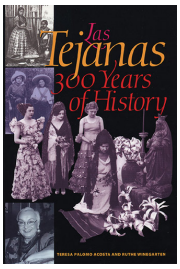

2. Las Tejanas: 300 Years of History By Teresa Palomo Acosta and Ruthe Winegarten
Celebrates the contributions made by women of Spanish/Mexican origin to Texas from the 1700s to 2000. Provides a historical account of Tejanas in all aspects of life, focusing on their struggles and triumphs in politics, education, the arts, and business. Profiles notable Tejanas including former and current members of the Texas Legislature. Supplements this history of achievements with a selection of photographs and artwork.
University of Texas Press, 2003. 436 pages.
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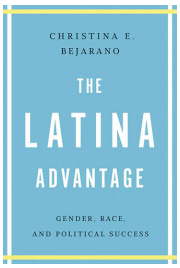

3. The Latina Advantage: Gender, Race, and Political Success By Christina E. Bejarano
Examines empirical evidence and statistics in Texas and California to argue that Latina women could hold a strategic advantage in the "intersectionality of gender and ethnicity." Argues that racial/ethnic minority women make up a greater percentage of other minority representatives than "white" women do among "white" elected officials. Investigates the history of the Texas Legislature and how Latina candidates are appealing to a wider, more diverse population based on qualities and political/community experience.
University of Texas Press, 2013. 183 pages.
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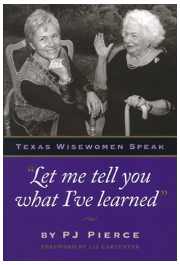

4. "Let Me Tell You What I've Learned": Texas Wisewomen Speak By PJ Pierce
Presents a collection of interviews of twenty-five women who have led extraordinary lives and shaped Texas in significant ways. Shares the wisdom and life lessons of women who have broken barriers and challenged stereotypes. Features risk-takers from a variety of backgrounds, including former and current lawmakers, who offer insights into topics such as career challenges, being a minority, families, faith, adversity, perseverance, and success.
University of Texas Press, 2002. 302 pages.
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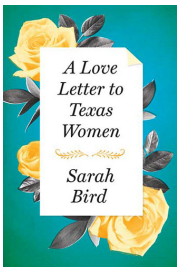

5. A Love Letter to Texas Women By Sarah Bird
Describes key traits of many Texas women, including friendliness, sense of humor, and fearlessness, in this short, humorous tribute. Highlights Lady Bird Johnson, Laura Bush, Molly Ivins, Ann Richards, and Barbara Jordan as examples of inspirational women.
University of Texas Press, 2016. 72 pages.
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6. Citizens at Last: The Woman Suffrage Movement in Texas By A. Elizabeth Taylor
Highlights the role of Texas women in the suffrage movement, particularly Minnie Fisher Cunningham in her leadership role as president of the Texas Equal Suffrage Association, and Jane Y. McCallum, a public relations dynamo at keeping this topic in the public spotlight. Includes the groundbreaking 1951 article by Dr. A. Elizabeth Taylor, “The Woman Suffrage Movement in Texas.” Presents a variety of documents, including Texas legislative materials, beginning with the 1868-1869 Reconstruction Convention consideration of woman’s suffrage to the 1919 ratification of the 19th Amendment.
Ellen C. Temple, 1987. 242 pages.
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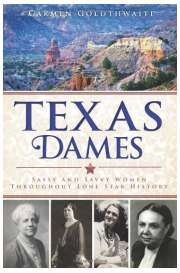

7. Texas Dames: Sassy and Savvy Women Throughout Lone Star History By Carmen Goldthwaite
Highlights the stories of fifty-three Texas women and their accomplishments from early Tejas to the mid-twentieth century. Details how these courageous "Dames" broke both gender and racial barriers in education, ministry, business, entertainment, athletics, medicine, and politics. Profiles women who achieved "firsts" as doctors, scientists, bankers, attorneys, religious leaders, and state lawmakers.
The History Press, 2012. 157 pages.
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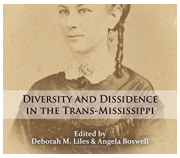
8. Women in Civil War Texas: Diversity and Dissidence in the



Trans-Mississippi By Deborah M. Liles and Angela Boswell, editors. Documents the experiences of Texas women during the Civil War through essays that establish the historical context and complexity of the war and its effects. Delves into issues related to secession, slavery, and ethnicity as African Americans, Germans, and Tejanos diversified the state's population. [Winner of the Liz Carpenter Award for Research in the History of Women, Texas State Historical Association, 2016]
University of North Texas Press, 2016. 297 pages.
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