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In honor of Women's History Month, we are highlighting books about women's history in Texas

1. Women's Suffrage in Texas: Struggle, the Story: Successes, Notable Firsts: Senators, Women of the Texas Senate By Texas Senate

Reflects on the legislative efforts, struggle for suffrage, and achievements of women in Texas in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment. Provides brief biographies of significant women in Texas, including former and current Texas Senators. Notes that since the first woman was elected to a statewide office a century ago, Texas women have served at every level of state and local government.

Texas Senate, 2019, 63 pages

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2. Women in Texas History

By Angela Boswell

Provides a chronological overview of women's history in Texas, from Native American Texas to the end of the twentieth century. Considers physical, geographic, legal, political, social, and cultural factors that challenged and shaped Texas women's roles in creating the state of Texas. Highlights women in politics, including former Governor [Ann Richards](#) and state legislators such as former Ambassador [Kay Bailey Hutchison](#), former U.S. Representative [Barbara Jordan](#), U.S. Representative [Eddie Bernice Johnson](#), former Representative [Irma](#)

Rangel, Representative Senfronia Thompson, and other political female "firsts."
Texas A&M University Press, 2018, 345 pages
305.409764 B657W 2018

3. Texas Women First: Leading Ladies of Lone Star History
By Sherrie S. McLeRoy
Celebrates the contributions and achievements of a mix of unconventional, trailblazing women in the Lone Star state. Profiles famous and not so famous women who broke barriers in areas as diverse as aeronautics, government, arts and entertainment, business, education, medicine, law, military, and social justice. Highlights memorable "firsts" accomplished by Texas women including former Representative Frances 'Sissy' Farenthold, and former Ambassador Kay Bailey Hutchison.
The History Press, 2015, 188 pages
979 M154T 2015

4. Texas Women: Their Histories, Their Lives
By Elizabeth Hayes Turner, Stephanie Cole, and Rebecca Sharpless, editors
Compiles a collection of biographies and essays of Texas women showing the racial, class, and religious diversity of the Lone Star State, from the Spanish colonial era to the twenty-first century. Explores the lives of Native American, European, African American, and Hispanic women and their impact on Texas. Focuses on a range of topics, including the influence of Spanish law, slavery, higher education, equal rights, civil rights, politics, business, ranching, and the arts. Provides essays on Oveta Culp Hobby and former U.S. Representative Barbara Jordan.
The University of Georgia Press, 2015, 526 pages
305.409764 T852T 2015

5. Texas Dames: Sassy and Savvy Women Throughout Lone Star History

By Carmen Goldthwaite

Highlights the stories of 53 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 to become the "firsts" in their fields. Includes former Representative [Edith Eunice Wilmans](#).

The History Press, 2012, 157 pages

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6. Texas Through Women's Eyes: The Twentieth-Century Experience
By Judith N. McArthur and Harold L. Smith

Offers an overview of women's achievements in Texas throughout the twentieth century with a focus on rural, working-class, and minority women. Discusses women's roles in working for social and political reform, the right to vote, better opportunities in education and the workforce, and civil rights. Provides a selection of primary documents including letters, memoirs, and oral histories.

University of Texas Press, 2010, 295 pages

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7. Black Women in Texas History

By Bruce A. Glasrud and Merline Pitre, editors.

Explores how African American women have affected the culture and history of Texas while also showing how they have been shaped by the larger culture. Compiles essays written by era experts to provide a survey of African American women's experiences through time and themes, including slavery and freedom, Reconstruction, the Civil Rights Era, and more. Argues that often-disenfranchised black women actively pursued ways to make their voices heard and build community. Highlights former U. S. Representative [Barbara Jordan](#).

Texas A&M University Press, 2008, 248 pages

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8. Capitol Women: Texas Female Legislators, 1923-1999

By Nancy Baker Jones and Ruthe Winegarten

Examines the Texas Legislature through the experiences and history of the women who have served or are currently serving as legislators from January 1923 to January 1999. Includes 4 essays for cultural context and profiles on all 86 women who have served in that window of time through 58 chronologically arranged biographies, and 28 "snapshots."

University of Texas Press, 2000, 328 pages

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