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In completing my recent submission of books read, it is apparent that there was a theme – accidental to be sure. Read the first book because a friend suggested it – loved it and looked for another by the same author. Loved that one...you understand?

The author is Marie Benedict – and she is a Pennsylvanian. Books by her can be counted as a Pennsylvania author, Women’s Studies, or Historical Fiction; some take place in Pennsylvania (which is another category) and others could be considered Fiction Romance. Her books are all about unsung strong women who impacted history. Another author who wrote about another unsung strong woman is listed the first set of books.

After you have read any of these, I would love to hear your thoughts. These women all made important contributions to history but weren’t part of any history course I took in school. At first, I was angry, then sad for these women, and finally, happy that now the stories are available. There are more like this and I intend to read them.

Another book ([Chasing the Bright Side](#)) I just ordered but have not received yet is by a young woman named Jess Ekstrom, who was a speaker at the 2021 GFWC-NC Convention. Jess Ekstrom started Headbands of Hope (www.headbandsforhope.com) in her dorm room at NC State University. Her inspiration came from her observations that kids suffering hair loss from cancer treatments were uncomfortable wearing wigs and preferred headbands. Since the launch of the business, for each headband sold, one headband is donated to a child with a serious disease. The company is quickly approaching the 1 million mark for donated headbands - 884,944 donated to date.



Author Marie Benedict:

[The Other Einstein](#) - Mitza Maric has always been a little different from other girls. Most twenty-year-olds are wives by now, not studying physics at an elite Zurich university with only male students trying to outdo her clever calculations. But Mitza is smart enough to know that, for her, math is an easier path than marriage. Then fellow student Albert Einstein takes an

interest in her, and the world turns sideways. Theirs becomes a partnership of the mind and of the heart, but there might not be room for more than one genius in a marriage.

Lady Clementine - In 1909, Clementine steps off a train with her new husband, Winston. An angry woman emerges from the crowd to attack, shoving him in the direction of an oncoming train. Just before he stumbles, Clementine grabs him by his suit jacket. This will not be the last time Clementine Churchill will save her husband.

The Only Woman in the Room - Her beauty almost certainly saved her from the rising Nazi party and led to marriage with an Austrian arms dealer. Underestimated in everything else, she overheard the Third Reich's plans while at her husband's side and understood more than anyone would guess. She devised a plan to flee in disguise from their castle, and the whirlwind escape landed her in Hollywood. She became Hedy Lamarr, screen star. But she kept a secret more shocking than her heritage or her marriage: she was a scientist. And she had an idea that might help the country fight the Nazis and revolutionize modern communication...if anyone would listen to her.

Carnegie's Maid - Clara Kelley is not who they think she is. She's not the experienced Irish maid who was hired to work in one of Pittsburgh's grandest households. She's a poor farmer's daughter with nowhere to go and nothing in her pockets. But the woman who shares her name has vanished, and assuming her identity just might get Clara some money to send back home. Clara must rely on resolve as strong as the steel Pittsburgh is becoming famous for and an uncanny understanding of business, attributes that quickly gain her Carnegie's trust. But she still can't let her guard down, not even when Andrew becomes something more than an employer. Revealing her past might ruin her future—and her family's.

Personal Librarian – release date June 2021 - The remarkable story of J. P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation.

The Engineer's Wife by Tracey Emerson Wood

Emily Roebling built a monument for all time. Then she was lost in its shadow. Discover the fascinating woman who helped design and construct the Brooklyn Bridge. Perfect for book clubs and fans of Marie Benedict.

Emily refuses to live conventionally—she knows who she is and what she wants, and she's determined to make change. But then her husband asks the unthinkable: give up her dreams to make his possible.

Emily's fight for women's suffrage is put on hold, and her life transformed when her husband Washington Roebling, the Chief Engineer of the Brooklyn Bridge, is injured on the job. Untrained for the task, but under his guidance, she assumes his role, despite stern resistance and overwhelming obstacles. But as the project takes shape under Emily's direction, she wonders whose legacy she is building—hers, or her husband's. As the monument rises, Emily's marriage, principles, and identity threaten to collapse. When the bridge finally stands finished, will she recognize the woman who built it?

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