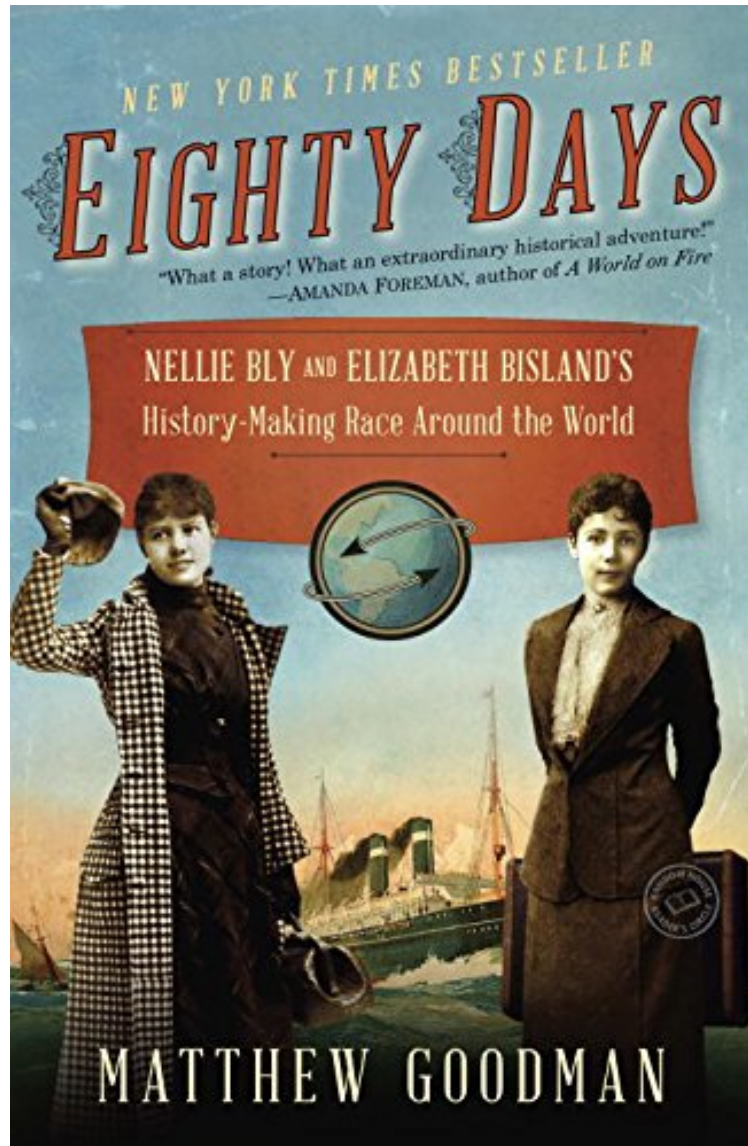


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After reading this book in the public library online edition, I had to buy it!!! It reads like a novel, and the historic details are thrilling. I was so interested in the story of the construction of, and boating through, the Suez Canal that I'm now going to read a book all about history of the Suez Canal. And of course the stories about the Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland -- in the days when women reporters except on the "women's society" page were extremely rare -- are very exciting and fascinating. Another thing that really interests me is about Joseph Pulitzer's newspaper "The World." There reports way back in the 1880s of the wealthy not paying taxes; of police brutality running rampant. So much history that is exactly like what we are fighting against now, over 150 years later. Very discouraging, because a lot of people, including myself, believe that we can turn this around -- that it's a new phenomenon in the United States. NOT.  
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I grew up hearing the name Nellie Bly from time to time but had never known why she was famous. She rose from difficult economic circumstances to be an investigative journalist for Joseph Pulitzer's "World" newspaper. In November, 1899 she boarded a ship, heading for England, in an attempt to beat the time set by Phileas Fogg for traveling around the world in Jules Verne's classic novel. On the same day, Elizabeth Bisland, a writer for *Cosmopolitan Magazine* set off by train in the opposite direction with the same goal in mind. I enjoyed this story of these two women racing around the world as fast as trains and steamships could take them. Mr. Goodman has done an excellent job of making history a turn-the-page thrill. He also gives us a biography of both women before and after the amazing race. My one disappointment with the book was that the race was not put in context to what was happening in the United States and around the world. If Mr. Goodman was limited in the number of pages he could write, which many authors are, I am glad he used them as he did. I give many books to friends or the local library, but "Eighty Days" is a keeper.  
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Very well-written, this book takes the reader entirely into the worlds of East and West as they existed in 1889 and 1890. As a journalist myself, I had heard of Nelly Bly of the old *New York World*, and of her race to beat Jules Verne's 80-day fictional trip around the world. But I had never heard that it was a real race against another woman writer, Elizabeth Bisland. Author Goodman delivers complete, sympathetic biographies of both women, emphasizing what pioneers they were in an outrageously patriarchal and discriminatory profession back then. Though the imaginary Phileas Fogg had a tougher trip, with more crazy adventures than Nelly and Elizabeth -- who really had to little more than sit on trains and ships, riding out some stormy days at sea -- the women's voyages and their lives make for absorbing reading.

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On November 14, 1889, Nellie Bly, the crusading young female reporter for Joseph Pulitzer's *World* newspaper, left New York City by steamship on a quest to break the record for the fastest trip around the world. Also departing from New York that day and heading in the opposite direction by train was a young journalist from *The Cosmopolitan* magazine, Elizabeth Bisland. Each woman was determined to outdo Jules Verne's fictional hero Phileas Fogg and circle the globe in less than eighty days. The dramatic race that ensued would span twenty-eight thousand miles, captivate the nation, and change both competitors' lives forever. The two women were a study in contrasts. Nellie Bly was a scrappy, hard-driving, ambitious reporter from Pennsylvania coal country who sought out the most sensational news stories, often going undercover to expose social injustice. Genteel and elegant, Elizabeth Bisland had been born into an aristocratic Southern family, preferred novels and poetry to newspapers, and was widely referred to as the most beautiful woman in metropolitan journalism. Both women, though, were talented writers who had carved out successful careers in the hypercompetitive, male-dominated world of big-city newspapers. *Eighty Days* brings these trailblazing women to life as they race against time and each other, unaided and alone, ever aware that the slightest delay could mean the difference between victory and defeat. A vivid real-life re-creation of the race and its aftermath, from its frenzied start to the nail-biting dash at its finish, *Eighty Days* is history with the heart of a great adventure novel. Here's the journey that takes us behind the walls of Jules Verne's Amiens estate, into the back alleys of Hong Kong, onto the grounds of a Ceylon tea plantation, through storm-tossed ocean crossings and mountains blocked by snowdrifts twenty feet deep, and to many more unexpected and exotic locales from London to Yokohama. Along the way, we are treated to fascinating glimpses of everyday life in the late nineteenth century era of unprecedented technological advances, newly remade in the image of the steamship, the railroad, and the telegraph. For Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland two women ahead of their time in every sense of the word were not only racing around the world. They were also racing through the very heart of the Victorian age. Look for special features inside. Join the Random House Readers Circle for author chats and more. What a story! What an extraordinary historical adventure!  
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