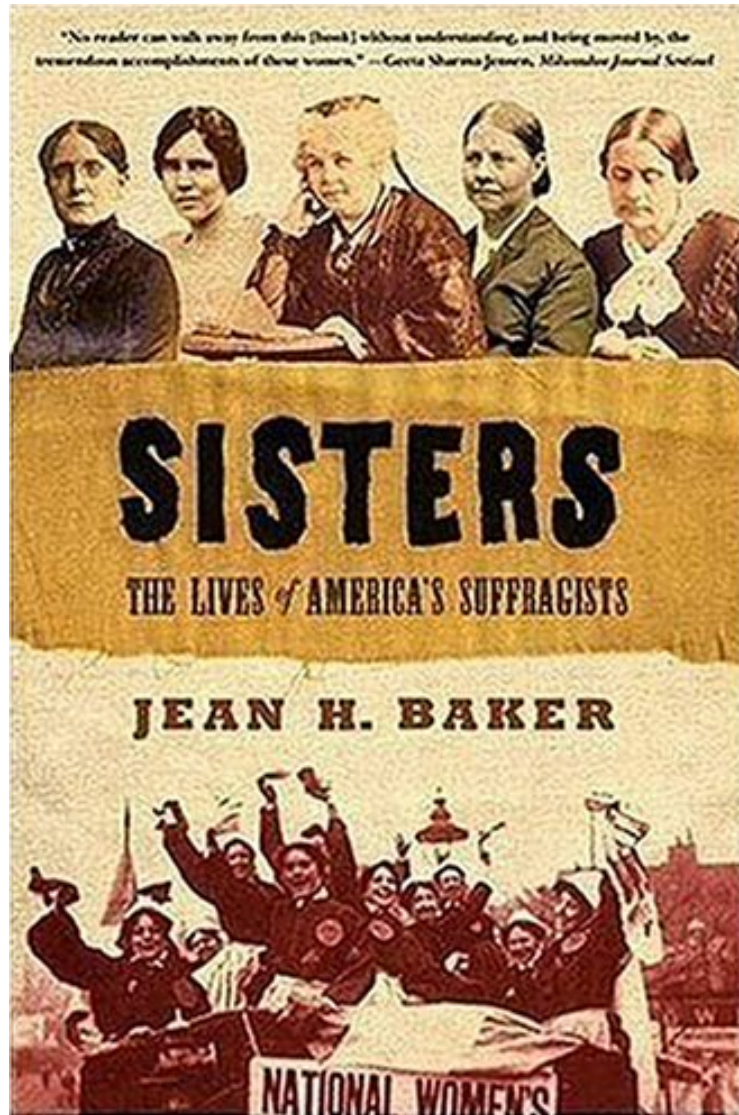


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Jean H. Baker : Sisters: The Lives of America's Suffragists before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sisters: The Lives of America's Suffragists:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Woman's HistoryBy ChelaThis book should be required reading in every high school and every home in America. Woman's history is the context for a true understanding of current affairs in the West. I worked for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment in 1981 which failed due to ignorance of the history of how the suffragists won the vote in 1920. The current battle for reproductive rights continues largely

because of the ignorance of the history of these Sisters. Mahatma Gandhi is often extolled for the victories of Martin Luther King Jr and of President Obama. While slavery was being overcome by the abolitionists, suffragists were being ridiculed, jailed and force fed. Gandhi's nonviolence movement was practiced by the suffragists before Satyagraha became a household word. Roe vs. Wade can be understood only in the context of woman's history. The woman's movement for freedom is alive and will win in the end. Know the facts of history and freedom for both men and women will come sooner rather than later.⁹ of 9 people found the following review helpful. The women who shaped history

By Lauren I must admit the only reason I started reading this book was because it was required reading for my Leadership class. I thought it sounded interesting from the options, and decided to give it a try. Going into this book I only had heard bits and pieces of the lives of these women, and had mainly focused my attention on Susan B. Anthony. I was amazed to learn about the other four women who had such a large part in this movement between 1840 and 1920. Jean Baker's ability to turn nonfiction facts into engaging tales of the peaks and valleys in the lives of these amazing women kept me reading. I was interested from the opening sentence of each women's story, and had to find out how their lives played out. These stories don't often get told, and I think everyone should take time to read about these extraordinary American women who changed the world.⁹ of 9 people found the following review helpful. Five Well-documented Biographical Histories

By K. Vestal Jean Baker has provided a fascinating memoir of five amazingly strong women in the fabric of America's history. Through carefully documented and responsibly interpreted research, she gives the reader a clear view into the public and private lives of five of the suffragettes: Lucy Stone, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Frances Willard and Alice Paul. Each of the 5 biographies can be read alone, although a reading of all 5 adds richness and depth to the understanding of the period and the suffrage movement. Definitely a 5-star read! Highly recommended for personal reading or as a required text for college history or women's studies classes. Recommended companion DVDs: "Iron Jawed Angels" and "Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony: Not for Ourselves Alone," both available from .

How the Personal Became Political In the Fight to Grant Women Civil Rights They forever changed America: Lucy Stone, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Frances Willard, Alice Paul. At their revolution's start in the 1840s, a woman's right to speak in public was questioned. By its conclusion in 1920, the victory in woman's suffrage had also encompassed the most fundamental rights of citizenship: the right to control wages, hold property, to contract, to sue, to testify in court. Their struggle was confrontational (women were the first to picket the White House for a political cause) and violent (women were arrested, jailed, and force-fed in prisons). And like every revolutionary before them, their struggle was personal. For the first time, the eminent historian Jean H. Baker tellingly interweaves these women's private lives with their public achievements, presenting these revolutionary women in three dimensions, humanized, and marvelously approachable.

From Publishers Weekly This lively, succinct overview of the five activists most responsible for securing the vote for American women is a welcome, intellectually sophisticated addition to feminist history. Baker, a respected historian at Goucher College, presents five interconnected critical biographical essays on Lucy Stone, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Frances Willard and Alice Paul. Baker's effortless blending of personal narrative with political and historical analysis a technique she perfected in her groundbreaking 1987 *Mary Todd Lincoln: A Biography* works to great effect, not only vividly brings these women to life but explicating the complicated social and political framework in which they existed. For instance, she traces Frances Willard's evangelical feminist style and interests to her devotion to her mother and to her father's calling to be a minister during the Second Great Awakening. Baker knows a good story, such as the highly respectable Stanton's friendship with notorious free-lover Victoria Woodhull; Baker highlights both the story's drama and historical significance. While she doesn't ignore complex themes such as the thorny relationship suffrage organizing had to the enfranchisement of African-American men she often downplays them. Still, Baker has written a popular (yet scrupulously footnoted), smart and compelling book. (Sept.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

From Booklist This fascinating collective biography features in-depth sketches of five indispensable leaders of the American suffrage movement. Lucy Stone, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Frances Willard, and Alice Paul--stalwarts in the struggle to extend fundamental rights and freedoms to females--are profiled in turn. Although these women are identified with the famous movements they founded and the radical causes they espoused, Baker breathes new life into subjects that have become somewhat fossilized and sanitized over time. Viewing them through a revitalized historical lens, she concentrates on the private lives and personal connections that contributed to the formation of their staunch beliefs and ambitions. The fact that they each led lives that were influenced by childhood circumstances, divergent personalities, robust love interests, bitter disagreements, powerful friendships, incredible triumphs, and overwhelming tragedies is significant to understanding the ebb and flow of the movement they were responsible for keeping afloat for well over half a century. Margaret Flanagan Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved

Goucher history professor Jean H. Baker shows us the human web that shaped five women in their self-awareness, nonconformity and leadership in the struggle for suffrage By weaving together their public and private lives, Baker

deepens our appreciation for the warp and woof of their struggle. Anne Grant, *The Providence Journal*Sisters: The Lives of America's Suffragists by historian Jean Baker (Hill and Wang) unspools the lives of Lucy Stone, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Frances Willard and Alice Paul as it unfolds the story of the women's rights movement. The story, itself compelling, becomes more so in Baker's skillful hands. No reader can walk away from this without understanding, and being moved, by the tremendous accomplishments of these women. Geeta Sharma-Jensen, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*Baker's book gives a clear picture of these women whose passion for equal rights led them to spend their lives seeking social change. Stell Simonton, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*