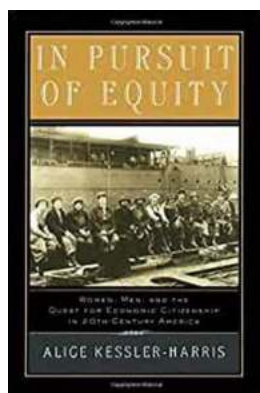


# The Struggle for Economic Equality: How Women Transformed America

Women, Men, and the Quest for Economic Citizenship in 20th Century America

In the United States, the 20th century witnessed a profound transformation in the status of women, who fought relentlessly for economic equality and citizenship. From the suffrage movement to landmark court cases, women played a pivotal role in reshaping American society. This article delves into the struggles and triumphs of women as they fought for their rights, highlighting their significant contributions to the quest for economic citizenship.

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### The Birth of a Movement: The Suffrage Movement

At the turn of the century, women found themselves confined to traditional domestic roles, excluded from economic and political participation. This injustice prompted the rise of the suffrage movement, which aimed to secure women the right to vote. Led by formidable figures such as Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, suffragettes organized marches, petitions, and lobbying efforts to challenge the prevailing gender norms and demand equal political representation.

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## **Breaking Barriers: Women in the Workplace**

While suffrage served as a stepping stone towards women's economic empowerment, the fight for economic citizenship extended beyond political participation. Gradually, women began entering the workforce, defying societal expectations. World War I further accelerated this trend as the absence of men in factories created a need for female workers. Despite facing discrimination and unequal pay, women contributed significantly to the war effort and shattered stereotypes regarding gender roles.

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## **The Great Depression and the New Deal**

The economic turmoil of the Great Depression brought new challenges for women seeking economic empowerment. Skyrocketing unemployment rates disproportionately affected women, pushing them into poverty. However, the New Deal policies implemented under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration provided some relief. Programs like the Works Progress Administration (WPA) offered employment opportunities for women, helping them regain a sense of economic stability and independence.

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## **Revolutionizing the Workplace: World War II and Rosie the Riveter**

World War II marked a turning point in women's economic citizenship. With millions of men serving in the military, women once again stepped into crucial roles previously reserved for men. The iconic image of Rosie the Riveter became a symbol of female empowerment, representing the millions of women working in factories to support the war effort. Women built tanks, planes, and ammunition, proving their capabilities and forever changing societal perceptions of women in the workplace.

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## **Breaking Legal Barriers: Landmark Court Cases**

The fight for economic citizenship reached the courtrooms, with landmark cases challenging discriminatory practices. In 1964, the Civil Rights Act prohibited sex-based employment discrimination and paved the way for women to pursue better job opportunities. Furthermore, the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized abortion, had far-reaching effects on women's economic choices, allowing them greater control over their lives and careers.

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## **The Glass Ceiling and Beyond**

Despite significant progress, women still face numerous obstacles in attaining true economic citizenship. The glass ceiling remains a persistent barrier, hindering their advancement in leadership positions. Disparities in wages and limited access to affordable childcare continue to disproportionately affect

women. However, the fight continues, with individuals and organizations advocating for equal pay, parental leave policies, and more inclusive workplaces.

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## **Celebrating Achievements: Women Who Inspire**

Throughout history, countless women have inspired positive change and contributed to the quest for economic citizenship. From civil rights activists like Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King to trailblazers like Amelia Earhart and Oprah Winfrey, their achievements have inspired generations. By celebrating these extraordinary women, we honor their contributions and ensure their legacies live on, motivating future generations to advocate for economic equality.

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The 20th century witnessed a remarkable transformation in the status of women in America. From the suffrage movement to landmark court cases, women fought tirelessly for economic equality and citizenship. Their remarkable achievements have shattered gender norms, paved the way for future generations, and transformed the fabric of American society. While challenges persist, the resiliency and determination of women underscore the importance of continued advocacy for economic equality. Only through a collective effort can we truly achieve economic citizenship for all.

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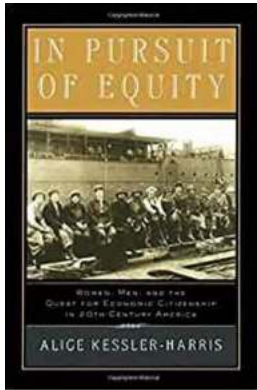
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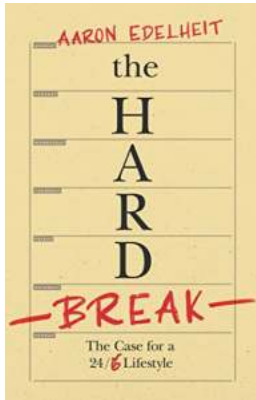
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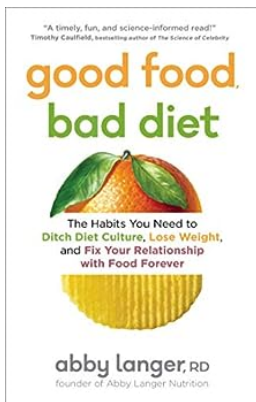


In this volume, Alice Kessler-Harris explores the transformation of some of the United States' most significant social policies. Tracing changing ideals of fairness from the 1920s to the 1970s, she shows how a deeply embedded set of beliefs, or "gendered imagination" shaped seemingly neutral social legislation to limit the freedom and equality of women. Law and custom generally sought to protect women from exploitation, and sometimes from employment itself; but at the same time, they assigned the most important benefits to wage work. Most policy makers (even female ones) assumed from the beginning that women would not be breadwinners. Kessler-Harris shows how ideas about what was fair for men as well as women influenced old age and unemployment insurance, fair labor standards, Federal income tax policy, and the new discussion of women's rights that emerged after World War II. Only in the 1960s and 1970s did the gendered imagination begin to alter--yet the process is far from complete.



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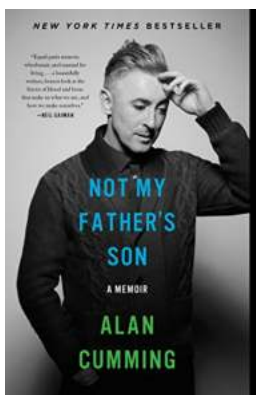
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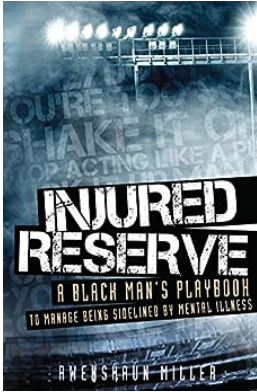
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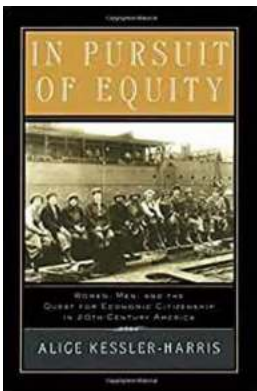
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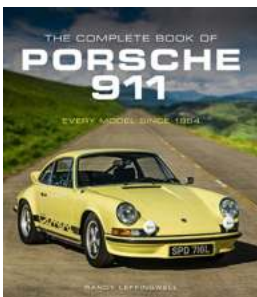
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