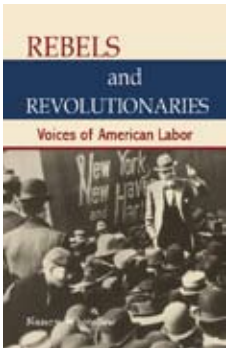


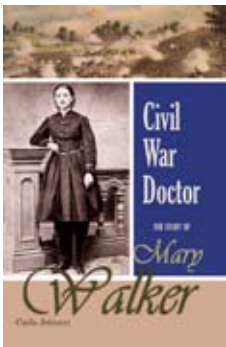
Social Critics & Reformers



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WHITELAW, Nancy. *Rebels and Revolutionaries: Voices of American Labor*. 176p. (American Workers Series). photos. reprod. bibliog. chron. index. notes. Web sites. CIP. Morgan Reynolds. 2007. PLB \$27.95. ISBN 978-1-59935-037-0. LC 2007007558.

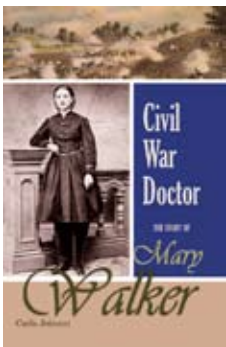
Gr 8 Up—Eugene Debs, Emma Goldman, Upton Sinclair, Norman Thomas, and John Reed felt stirred to fight the injustices they felt were inflicted upon the poor and working-class citizens of America and other countries as well. These labor activists turned their idealism into action over the course of their lives and changed the American social and political scene in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. They agitated for strikes by underpaid laborers, exposed cruel labor practices, and never let go of their vision of a more equitable system for every person. Goldman and Reed also bore witness to social revolutions abroad. Arrested countless times, they wrote extensively, campaigned for political office, and never stopped trying to help those they considered powerless. In addition to being an introduction to these individuals, this book can also be referred to for an analysis of the Socialist movement and party in America, considering the political affiliations of each of them. Although the text is dry and dense, students searching for in-depth details about the life and work of these individuals will find it here. Good-quality black-and-white photos are scattered throughout.—Carol Fazioli, Gwynedd-Mercy College, Gwynedd Valley, PA



The Horn Book Guide
Fall 2007

Joinson, Carla *Civil War Doctor: The Story of Mary Walker* 128 pp. Morgan LE ISBN 978-1-59935-028-8 \$27.95

(4) YA Social Critics and Reformers series. This history-rich biography profiles Walker, who faced unrelenting sexism as a doctor for the Union army during the Civil War. After the war, she became the first woman to earn the Congressional Medal of Honor. Joinson skimps on character-illuminating details—where Walker lived, who her friends were—but is generous with anecdotes. Archival photos and color reproductions appear throughout. Timeline, websites. Bib., ind. NB



Booklist
January 1, 2007

Joinson, Carla. *Civil War Doctor: The Story of Mary Walker*. Jan. 2007. 128p. illus. index. Morgan Reynolds, lib. ed., \$27.95 (9781599350288). 610.92. Gr. 8–11.

Born in 1832 and brought up by parents with liberal views on women's dress and careers, Mary Walker decided at 21 to study medicine. When her repeated requests to serve as an assistant surgeon in the Union army were denied, she worked without official recognition or pay. In 1865 Walker became the first woman awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. It was revoked in 1917, when Congress revised the requirements, but she refused to return the medal. This well-organized biography not only presents the facts of this interesting life but also provides a good deal of background information on social norms during the period, both in the text and in multipage inserts, such as one on nineteenth-century dress reform. Though occasionally the writing is repetitious or ambiguous, many readers will find this an eye-opening piece of women's history. Source notes and lists of books and Internet sites are appended. —Carolyn Phelan



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CARAVANTES, Peggy. *Waging Peace: The Story of Jane Addams.* 144p. photos. reprints. bibliog. chron. glossary. index. notes. Web sites. CIP. Morgan Reynolds. 2004. PLB \$21.95. ISBN 1-931798-40-0. LC 2004008357.

Gr 5-8—A clearly written, straightforward biography of the social reformer, humanitarian, and winner of the 1931 Nobel Peace Prize. Caravantes chronicles Addams's early years, including the death of her mother when she was two and the teachings of her father, a self-described "Hicksite Quaker" (a follower of Elias Hicks). The lessons she learned regarding personal integrity, charity, and religious tolerance were ones she carried throughout her life. During a trip to Europe as a young woman, she seized upon the idea of a "cathedral of humanity"—a house from which to reach out to the poor. The idea of Hull House was born. The author does a good job of portraying the experiences that laid the groundwork for the remainder of the woman's life. The majority of the book focuses on the building of Hull House in Chicago; Addams's quest for social justice, including her fight against child labor in Illinois; her crusades against corruption in the Chicago Wards; and her involvement in peace and suffragist movements and in the Progressive Party. Archival black-and-white photos, most from the Jane Addams Memorial Collection of the University of Illinois, grace the book. This is a solid addition to women's history collections. Libraries owning Bonnie Carman Harvey's *Jane Addams* (Enslow, 1999) will want to add this one as well.—Jennifer Ralston, HarfordCounty Public Library, Belcamp, MD



Children's Bookwatch

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Peggy Caravantes' *Waging Peace: The Story of Jane Addams* provides well over a hundred pages covering the life and achievements of a woman resolved to help those in poverty. Addams came from a privileged upbringing which includes travel in Europe, but when she discovered the poverty under her eyes, she brought the settlement house idea of England to Chicago, opening the famous Hull House for the poor. Her achievements would change a city - and open eyes to life in the slums. Women's rights are brought to life by Lisa Federiksen Bohannon in *Woman's Work: The Story Of Betty Friedan*: this biography of Betty Friedan shows how a radical reporter turned housewife and mother, then launched a revolution contradicting common perceptions about women and their abilities.