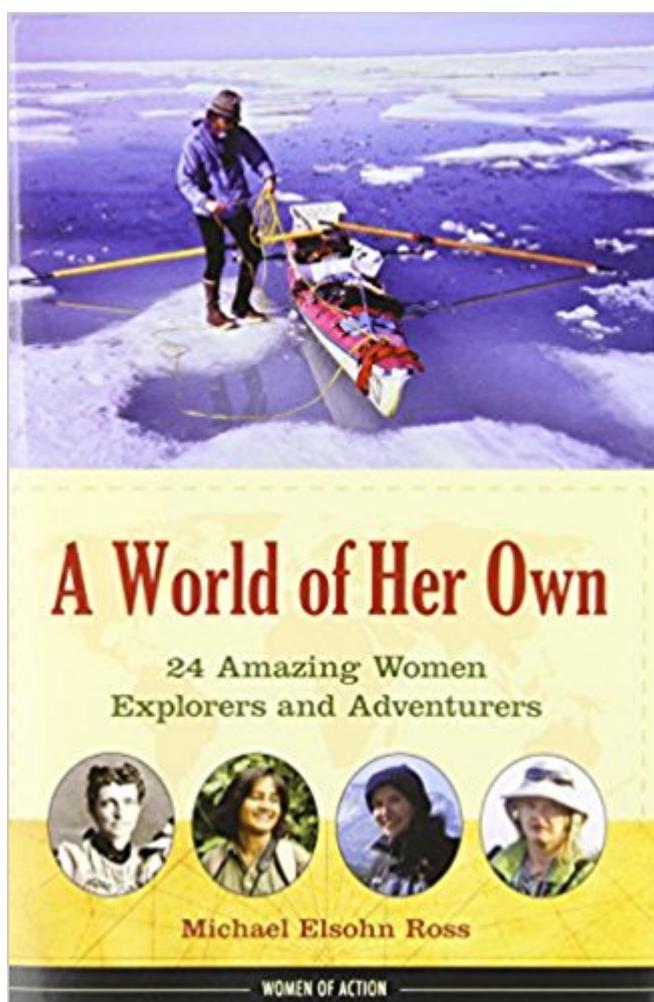


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# A World Of Her Own: 24 Amazing Women Explorers And Adventurers (Women Of Action)



## **Synopsis**

An inspiration for any young person who loves the outdoors, wildlife, or science, *A World of Her Own* tells the stories of 24 brave women from different cultures, epochs, and economic backgrounds who have shared similar missions: to meet the physical and mental challenges of exploring the natural world, to protect the environment and native cultures, and to leave a mark in the name of discovery. Among the many bold women profiled are Rosaly Lopes, who worked for NASA and discovered 71 volcanoes on one of Jupiter's moons; Helen Thayer, the first woman to walk and ski the Magnetic North Pole accompanied by only her dog; Kay Cottee, the first woman to successfully sail nonstop around the world completely unassisted; and Anna Smith Peck, who set the record for the highest climb in the Western Hemisphere at the age of 58. These and other engaging profiles, based on both historical research and firsthand interviews, stress how childhood passions and interests, perseverance, and courage led these women to overcome challenges and break barriers to achieve great success in their adventurous pursuits and careers. A bibliography and annotated list of exploration resources and organizations make this an invaluable resource for young explorers, parents, and teachers alike.

## **Book Information**

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âœThis book showcases women explorers from several continents and across two centuries. Just as varied as the subjects of their explorations are the range of life experiences that led these women to push against traditional boundaries and set them on the path toward discovery.â•â "Kate Jackson, assistant professor, Department of Biology, Whitman CollegeâœA World of Her Own brilliantly conveys stories about women pioneers in science and exploration, many of whom not only rocked the cradle and kept house but also mastered a telescope, sextant, slingshot, artist canvas, ice axe, or plant press. This volume is bound to inspire many young women.â•â "Meg Lowman, director, Nature Research Center at North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences and research professor, North Carolina State University"Women of Action' series makes perfect addition to libraries in March." âœCurriculum Review âœThis book was compulsively readable and while the biographies found here are pretty short, they whetted my appetite to read more about these wonderful women! This would be a great book to introduce younger readers to some really amazing personalities!â•â "A Bookish AffairâœGirls 11 or 12 and up, especially those interested in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) fields, will find this clearly-penned book inspirational. In fact, all girls will enjoy these amazing true tales, especially if they love nature, animals, the environment and physical challenges.â•â "ArcamaxâœA World of Her Own dramatically describes the stories of women showing great perseverance and strength, and it is a collection that will appeal to middle and high school audiences.â•â "Science Scope âœThese are fascinating, well-told stories, sure to intrigue readers.â•â "School Library Journal

My daughter says:I'm a 12 year old girl and found this really boring. It was assigned as a summer reading book for my class and I struggled to finish it because it lacked story. Once I was even bored to sleep while reading this book. But hey, if you're into reading about something with no storyline or plot at all, this is the book for you.

Book arrived on time and in great condition. I haven't read it yet, but I plan to do so. I am reading several books about outstanding women in WWI, WWII, American Revolution, Space, American Frontier, etc. Very inspiring to read about these brave women. I especially recommend for young ladies of teenage years.

Enjoyed the women and their quests. Felt like it was written for a younger audience. Middle School or so. Once again I will probably pass it along to the right guest who cruises through my book shelves.

I found this book a great compilation of some of the most impressive women explorers of the past and the present. I learned of some I hadn't heard of such as Helga Estby who walked across the U.S. in 1896, and Stephanie Schwabe, a diver/caver explorer. I have read all of Annie Peck, Kira Salak and Helen Thayer's books and I found their sections good overviews of their adventures. This book is inspirational for adults, as well as high school students. The author did his research and even interviewed some of the explorers. Highly recommended.

Great read!

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