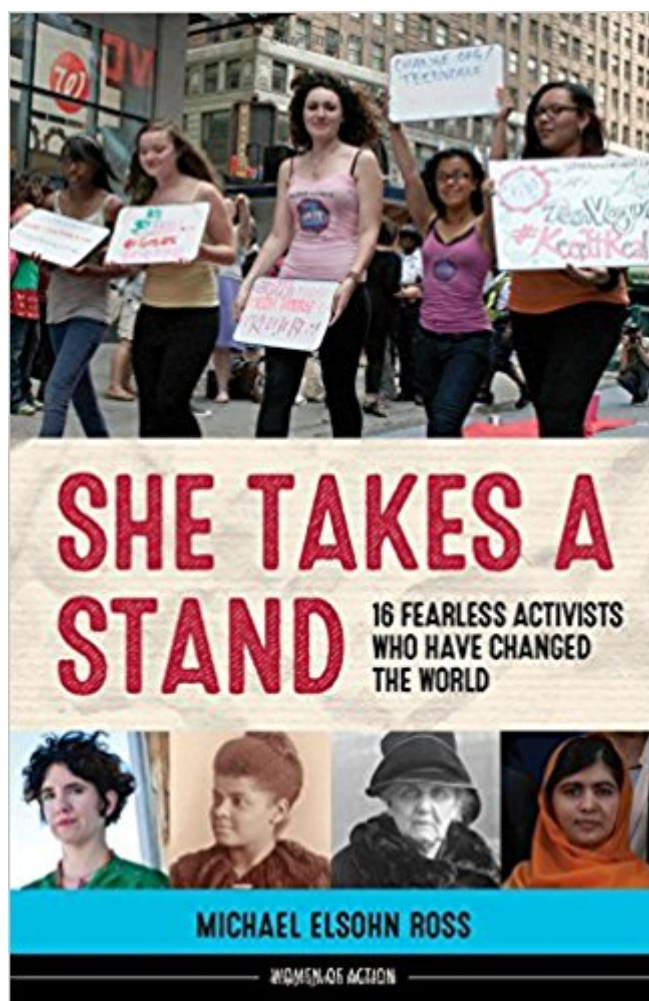


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# She Takes A Stand: 16 Fearless Activists Who Have Changed The World (Women Of Action)



## Synopsis

In an age of “slacktivism” and fleeting social media fame, *She Takes a Stand* offers a realistic look at the game-changing decisions, high stakes, and bold actions of women and girls around the world working to improve their personal situations and the lives of others. This inspiring collection of short biographies features the stories of extraordinary figures past and present who have dedicated their lives to fighting for human rights, civil rights, workers’ rights, reproductive rights, and world peace. Budding activists will be inspired by antilynching crusader and writer Ida B. Wells, birth control educator and activist Margaret Sanger, girls-education activist Malala Yousafzai, Gulabi Gang founder Sampat Pal Devi, who fights violence against Indian women, Dana Edell, who works against the sexualization of women and girls in the media, and many others. Including related sidebars, a bibliography, source notes, and a list of activist organizations readers can explore in person or online, *She Takes a Stand* is an essential resource for classroom reports or for any young person passionate about making a difference.

## Book Information

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“An excellent compilation and a notable addition for all library collections to enhance women’s history.” —School Library Journal  
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•VOYA Ross portrays his subjects with honesty, highlighting both their missteps and accomplishments, while emphasizing how anyone can become an activist with enough passion and will. Publishers Weekly "This inspiring new addition to the Women of Action series will get your Mighty Girl thinking about her own ways to change the world. A Mighty Girl "Geared toward a young adult audience but useful for all of us [ ] These activists are rendered with complexity. BITCH magazine "She Takes a Stand is a stunning and inspiring book that celebrates the extraordinary accomplishments of women around the world and will surely inspire the next generation of girls to see that their voices and actions can truly change the world. • Dana Edell, executive director of SPARK

Michael Elsohn Ross is a naturalist educator and award-winning author of over 40 books for children and young adults, including *A World of Her Own* and *Salvador Dalí and the Surrealists*. He lives and works in Yosemite National Park.

This amazing book combines today's successes with past ones beautifully.

Informative, engaging book about 16 girls and women who struggled for social and political justice around the world. Each chapter tells the story of one activist who passionately fought for equal rights at great personal cost. Causes included the rights of girls and women for equal access to the same liberties as men (to vote, for birth control, for education, for safety), to stop global crony capitalism, to support worker's rights and many other causes. Most of the activists paid dearly for their political work and were jailed, bullied, shot at and endured the deaths of family members and great financial hardship. While each story is informative, and at times compelling, the style of the narratives became repetitious and fell a bit flat. I was interested in the criticisms made by anti-lynching freedom fighters towards white suffragettes whose racism led them to make decisions that were damaging for the anti-lynching and civil rights cause. I would have liked to learn more about this may have made a more dynamic, complex presentation. However, in general, I was impressed by the bravery of these women and the skill of the author in showing us how activism changes the world for all of us. Thank you to Netgalley for allowing me to review this book for an honest opinion.

This is an interesting collection of short biographies of women activists who made a difference in the

world in the past 100 years. The biographies are written for teens, but are interesting enough that anyone should find them informative and good reads. I received this book free to review from Netgalley and I highly recommend it.

Very informative book with stories about 16 women who not only survived adversity but went forward to help make changes in our world!

I haven't read the book but I noticed that Margaret Sanger is featured and this is disturbing. She may have been an activist for birth control but she was also a racist with a goal of eliminating blacks through abortion. She was also the founder of Planned Parenthood.

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