



# Women's HISTORY MONTH

## *Empowering Quotations by Women*

***One is not born a woman, one becomes one.***

Simone de Beauvoir (1908-1986) *The Second Sex* (1949-1950)

***I am neither a man nor a woman but an author.***

Charlotte Brontë (1816-1855) Letter to William Smith Williams, August 16, 1848

***We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily difference we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee.***

Marian Wright Edelman (1939-present) *Families in Peril* (1987)

***Feminism's agenda is basic: It asks that women not be forced to 'choose' between public justice and private happiness.***

Susan Faludi (1959-present) *Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women* (1991)

***Toughness doesn't have to come in a pinstripe suit.***

Dianne Feinstein (1933-present) on women's role in government, quoted in *Time* magazine, June 4, 1984

***An actress can only play a woman. I'm an actor, I can play anything.***

Whoopi Goldberg (1949?-present) quoted on the *Today* show, 13 January 1986

***By and large, mothers and housewives are the only workers who do not have regular time off. They are the great vacationless class.***

Anne Morrow Lindbergh (1906-2001) *Gift from the Sea* (1955)

***I decided it is better to scream. . . . Silence is the real crime against humanity.***

Nadezhda Mandelstam (1899-1980) *Hope Against Hope* (1970)

***The usual masculine disillusionment in discovering that a woman has a brain.***

Margaret Mitchell (1900-1949) *Gone With the Wind* (1936)

***I myself have never been able to find out precisely what feminism is. I only know that people call me a feminist whenever I express sentiments that differentiate me from a doormat or a prostitute.***

Rebecca West (1892-1983) "Mr. Chesterton in hysterics," *The Clarion*, November 14, 1913