



Harriette Arnow
1908-1986

**Celebrate Women's
History Month**

**Read a
Kentucky Author**

The Dollmaker
PS3501.R64 D6 1985

*Flowering of the
Cumberland*
F442.2 .A69 1984

*Seedtime on the
Cumberland*
F442.2 .A7 1983



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*Bobbie Ann
Mason*
b. 1942

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"It took me a long time to discover my material. "It wasn't a matter of developing writing skills; it was a matter of knowing how to see things."

"For me, writing fiction is almost like dreaming - I imagine some people, then I just start writing to see who they are and what they will do."



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Marsha Norman
b. 1947

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Norman's first play, *Getting Out*, was voted the best new play produced by a regional theater by the American Theatre Critics Association.

In 1983, Norman won a Pulitzer Prize for her play *Night, Mother* and in 1991, won a Tony Award for her script and lyrics for the Broadway musical, *The Secret Garden*.

Her first novel, *The Fortune Teller*, was published in 1987.



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Gayl Jones

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Jones was born in Lexington, Ky in 1949. Her early "connections" with the South and Kentucky are often reflected in the characters of her books.

Jones has said that just like most people, she felt "connections to home territory-connections that go into one's ideas of language, personality, and landscape."



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Joy Bale Boone

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*First Kentucky
Poet Laureate*
1997-1999

"Personally, poetry has been such a comfort, as well as an excitement, in my life. Writing poetry is a great thing I think because it's dealing with your own emotions and responses to things. If you have a disturbing emotion or an extra happy one or you see something that's enormously beautiful, to be able to express it is wonderful - it's therapy."



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Janice Holt Giles
1909-1979

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"I do believe, and believe it strongly, that if you are hardy enough to strip life down to its simplicities you may be able to create an environment in which you gain perspective."

- *Forty Acres and No Mule, 1952*



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Verna Mae Slone
b. 1914

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"Many lies and half-truths have been written about the mountain people, but we know God sent his very strongest men and women here who could enjoy life and search out the few pleasures contained in a life of hard work. I wrote my book, *What My Heart Wants to Tell*, because I wanted my grandchildren to be proud of their heritage." -Verna Mae Slone, Pippa Passes, Kentucky

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Effie Waller Smith
1879-1960

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"Time stands like some schoolmaster old and stern,
And calls each human being in his turn
To write his task upon life's blackboard space;
Death's fingers then the finished work erase,
And the next pupil's letters take its place."

-from *Heredity, 1909*



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Caroline Gordon
1895-1981

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Women on the Porch
PS3513.O5765 W66

Penhally
PS3513.O5765 P46

None Shall Look Back
PS3513.O5765 N65

Collected Stories of Caroline Gordon
PS3513.O5765 A6



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Barbara Kingsolver
b. 1955

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Kentucky Author**

"What we lose in our great human exodus from the land is a rooted sense, as deep and intangible as religious faith, of why we need to hold on to the wild and beautiful places that once surrounded us. We seem to succumb so easily to the prevailing human tendency to pave such places over, build subdivisions upon them, and name them The Willows, or Peregrine's Roost, or Elk Meadows, after whatever it was that got killed there."

From *Small Wonder*
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Sophonisba Preston Breckenridge
1866 - 1948

Social worker and educator, born in Lexington, KY.

First woman lawyer in Kentucky (1895)

First woman to earn a doctorate in Political Science from the University of Chicago (1901).

In 1907 she went to live at Chicago's Hull House and was known for her studies exposing slum conditions.

Teacher, University of Chicago (1920-42).

Credited as establishing social work as a profession.



Rose Will Monroe "Rosie the Riveter"
(1920-1997)

Pulaski County native who went to work as a riveter building B-24 and B-29 bombers.

"Discovered" by movie star Walter Pidgeon, Rose became the personification of an American icon, Rosie the Riveter, in promotional films and on posters urging women to take jobs during World War II.



Madeline McDowell Breckinridge
1872 - 1920

Reformist from Lexington, Kentucky.

Founder of the Lexington Civic League

Principal leader of the woman suffrage movement during the final years before ratification of the federal women's suffrage amendment.

Successfully pushed for the passage of legislation allowing women to vote in school board elections.

President, Kentucky Equal Rights Assoc.

Vice-president of the National Women's Suffrage Assoc.



Mary Edwards Walker
1832 - 1919

Physician and feminist, born in Oswego Town, New York.

Graduated from Syracuse Medical College (1855)

During the Civil War she was an assistant surgeon and was imprisoned by the Confederates (1864)

Received the Congressional Medal of Honor for Meritorious Service (1865).

The government questioned her medical credentials and withdrew her medal in 1917. It was posthumously restored in 1977.

Lecturer on women's suffrage and reform.



Rachel Carson
1907 - 1964

Author and a former marine biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Her book, *The Sea Around Us* was on the New York Bestseller list for 86 weeks.

She is most remembered for her book *Silent Spring*, published in 1962. This book described how DDT enters the food chain and accumulates in the fatty tissues of animals, including human beings, causing cancer and genetic damage.

Her pioneering research helped ban DDT and set the stage for the environmental movement of the late 20th century.