

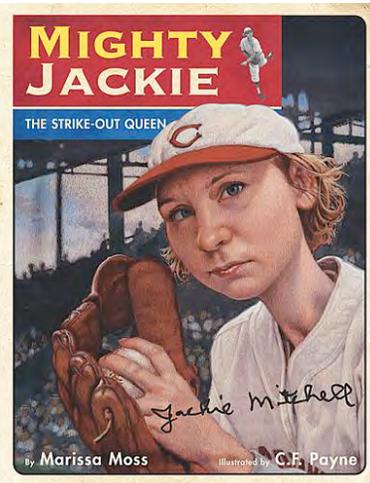
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***April Women's History Events and Birthdays  
April 2, 2013***

The purpose of this article is for recognizing and celebrating the diverse and significant historical accomplishments of women by providing [information and educational materials](#) with all NRCS' Employees. We just want to share with you interesting information about women contribution to our society. In addition, we are including the Birthday of significant American women who have made significant contributions to humanity.

***April Highlights in U.S. Women's History***

**April 2, 1931** - 17-year-old **Jackie Mitchell**, the second woman to play baseball in the all-male minor leagues, pitches an exhibition game against the N.Y. Yankees and strikes out both Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. The next day, the Baseball Commissioner voided her contract, claiming baseball was too strenuous for women. The ban was not overturned until 1992.



**April 5, 1911**

100,000 to 500,000 people march in New York City to attend the funeral of seven unidentified victims of the **Triangle Shirtwaist Company** fire in late March.



**April 7, 1987**

Opening of the **National Museum of Women in the Arts** in Washington, D.C., the first museum devoted to women artists.



**April 13, 1933**

**Ruth Bryan Owens** is the first woman to represent the U.S. as a foreign minister when she is appointed as envoy to Denmark.



**April 22 - Earth Day**, honor **Rachel Carson** today, a woman who changed America and greatly influenced the environmental movement (her revolutionary book, *Silent Spring*, is available at [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org)). *Silent Spring* was named one of the 25 greatest science books of all time by the editors of *Discover Magazine*.<sup>[5]</sup>



*A Newly Minted Scientist*

Graduation 1929  
Pennsylvania College for Women



**April 26, 1777**

American Revolution heroine Sybil Ludington, 16 years old, rides 40 miles on horseback in the middle of the night to warn the American militia that the British were invading.

## April Birthdays



**April 1, 1911 (1998)** - Augusta Baker, renowned storyteller in New York public libraries, created bibliography in 1939 of suitable children's books to represent African-American history and culture.



**April 5, 1901 (1968)** - Hattie Alexander, pediatrician and microbiologist, identified and studied antibiotic resistance caused by random genetic mutations in DNA, first woman elected president of the American Pediatric Society (1964).



**April 5, 1949 (1986)** - Judith Resnik, engineer, astronaut, one of six qualified women chosen as mission specialists in 1984, second American woman in space, perished in the Challenger explosion.

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