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HOLDING HER HEAD HIGH: Twelve Women Who Championed Their Children and Changed History

Helena Augusta
Roman Empire
3rd Century
Changed the course of Christianity

Helena was an abandoned single mother. She and her son, Constantine changed the course of Christianity. As co-rulers, they took the dispersed and persecuted band of Christ's disciples, unified them, saved them, and formed the foundation of the church as we know it today. Constantine was the first Christian Emperor and together they organized and presided over the formation of the Nicene Creed; a Creed that defined Christ and Christianity and is recited religiously in churches all over the world today. Helena journeyed on a pilgrimage at the age of eighty where she discovered the True Cross of Jesus, the Nativity and the Tomb of Jesus. She built churches over these sights resulting in bringing Jerusalem back into the limelight and the center, once again, of Christianity. She is a Saint.

Blanche of Castile
France
1100s/ Medieval
Changed the perspective of the administration of a kingdom by her faith in God and her faith in the people

Blanche was a widow. When her husband died, she was left with multiples of young children by her side as she became the reigning and ruling Queen. She ruled with strength, character and Christian piety. She was the first Queen to actually seek the help of the people riding through the streets on horseback; these tactics were used by latter Kings. She was adored by the people and always came to their rescue...even riding herself to force open dungeon doors and release cruelly imprisoned peasants. Her son became a Saint. Saint Louis IX.

Christine de Pizan

Italy/France

1300s/ Medieval

Changed the harsh prejudices against women by becoming their first female valiant voice and the first female professional writer

Christine was a darling of the court surrounded by intellectuals. She was widowed and left destitute with three children. She watched as all her belongings were taken away and she lost all of her allies. She gathered her strength and talents after years of struggles and became the first female professional writer. She challenged and changed the perspectives and prejudices against women. Before Christine, women had no voice and no defender.

Rachel Lavein Fawcett

West Indies

1700s

Changed the fate and economy of America by being an example of fortitude and entrepreneurial success for her son Alexander Hamilton

Rachel was divorced by her first husband who had unjustly thrown her in prison as a 21 year old girl; she was later abandoned by her second common law husband. He walked away leaving her to be the sole provider for her two sons in a town where she had been imprisoned as a young girl and victim to degradation and slander. She held her head high and proceeded to become an industrious businesswoman. Her dignity and courage led to the manifestation of great character in her son Alexander Hamilton who changed the course of history in America as one of our great forefathers.

Eliza Pinckney

South Carolina

1700s

Changed the destiny of South Carolina and America by her successes with the Indigo crop

Eliza was a widow left with two sons and a daughter. As a young girl she single handedly provided South Carolina its fortune through her tenacious efforts and successes with the Indigo cultivation. She shared her discovery and it yielded millions of dollars of fortune, changing the course of destiny for her colony and later her country. As a widow she raised her sons and daughter with the example of the value of curiosity, challenge and resiliency. Through hard work and tenacity she paid for the education of her sons. They grew up to become Revolutionary War Heroes and great leaders who made formidable contributions to the character of our country. President George Washington was a pallbearer at Eliza's funeral, at his request.

Isabella Graham

Scotland/New York

1700s

Changed the ways of charity by becoming the first directress of organized philanthropy

Isabella became a young widow after enduring the tragic and haunting death of her husband in a foreign land. With a newborn in her hands and three children clinging to her skirt she endured perilous travels, poverty, and the undefined world of how to provide for her children. She rose become a successful teacher and the first directress of charitable organizations. She was a steward of her wounds. She was a pillar of faith and conceived numerous charities and pioneered the idea that organizations could be formed to help aid others. She was a true disciple of God. She changed the course of society one organization at a time and changed hearts one person at a time. Until her death, she walked the streets for 12 hours with only a piece of bread and an orange and prayed over people and assisting with their needs.

Elizabeth Timothy

Amsterdam/South Carolina

1700s

Changed the perception of women in the journalistic world by becoming the first female printer/editor in the United States

Elizabeth was a widow left with many small children and no money. Pregnant, she took over her husband's printing business and newspaper becoming the first female editor/printer in the United States. She was unabashed about printing a woman's view in a man's world. She printed the news not only once a week, as her husband had done, but twice a week. With antiquated machines requiring hard labor she persevered even as she endured the tragic losses of two of her boys to disease; and she always delivered the paper on time. She eventually bought the paper from Benjamin Franklin who was quoted as saying she ran the business better than her husband had.

Abigail Adams

Massachusetts

1700s

Changed the course of history by helping to birth democracy with her valiant wartime single motherhood

Abigail was a wartime single mother. She raised her children all alone for the many years of the Revolutionary era. She singularly had to cloth, feed, educate and nurture their children as she managed the farm and John's business. She was alone for much of the seven years of the first fourteen years of their marriage enduring bitter winters and wartime fears and famine. She rose to bravely accept her challenges and because of her brilliance of mind and resolute character our great nation was birthed and shaped by the man who was the cornerstone of the United States of America, John Adams. Her son became the fifth President, John Quincy Adams.

Harriet Jacobs**North Carolina****1800s****Changed and challenged the views of slavery by her singularity of vision and voice**

Harriet Jacobs was a single unmarried mother by choice. She was the victim of the indescribable ravages of slavery. She held within her soul the vision and determination that her children were not going to be victims of slavery. She endured torture and seven years confined in a tiny attic to achieve these dreams for her children. After endless tyrannical years she reigned victorious and wrote her autobiography that was published on the day the civil war erupted. She changed perceptions by enlightening the country to the horrors female slaves had to endure.

Elinore Pruitt Stewart**Wyoming****1800s****Changed and challenged the limitations placed on women by proving a woman could homestead in the wilds of the western frontier**

Elinore was a divorced single mother from Oklahoma who was very poor and educated only by those who would take the time to show her how to write on scraps of paper. She was subjected to hard labor in the city to provide for her daughter. Determined to give her daughter with a better life she accepted a job in the wilds of Wyoming with a mission to be a female homesteader. She was one of the first to women to be a female homesteader. She did it with a wonderful perspective as fresh as the prairie grasses she trotted on horseback with her two-year-old daughter. To encourage others she wrote lively, humorous stories summarizing her experiences in the wilds of the west. They were published and thus, she inspired women and single mothers to abandon their confinements and embrace the grace of the prairies and to recognize the strength and resiliency they had within themselves to own their own land and home.

Aunt Clara Brown**Colorado****1800s****Changed people's spirits and the direction of their lives by her remarkable and unshakeable example of faith through the hardships of slavery and pioneering**

Aunt Clara Brown was a remarkable woman with a glorious spirit. Aunt Clara Brown was born a slave and endured the brutal separation from her entire family on the auction block. She became a single mother by circumstances beyond her control. The evil of the insidious world of slavery could not diminish her unquenchable faith and praise of her

Lord. She always had a joyous heart as she weathered through her storms of life. She became a free woman and she was a light of God to all who crossed her path as she searched for almost forty years for her long lost daughter. Through the process she clapped her hands and praised the Lord in the streets for all to see, as she became one of the richest women of the west. Heeding God's call she escorted poor and destitute newly freed slaves to her home as her new "family" as she patiently waited to be reunited with her own.

Belva Lockwood

New York

1800s

Changed the history of women in the workplace by blazing trails and opening doors with unlimited, unbridled intelligence and determination.

Belva Lockwood defines the word trailblazer. She was widowed when her daughter was only three years old and she immediately encountered a world of prejudice in the work place. She was a force with which to be reckoned and injustice was not to be endured by her or anyone. Her life's mission became to provide for her daughter in ways of means and measure against a world that sought to confine a woman's mind and spirit. She fought to become one of the first women to finish college, be accepted and graduate from law school, become a lawyer and the first women ever to be admitted to the bar of the United States Supreme Court, after a five-year relentless battle. She avidly and passionately fought for the women's right and the rights of the underprivileged, as she ventured forth to become the first female candidate on the ballot for President of the United States. She also fought for peace and traveled endlessly overseas promoting her idea: The League of Nations.



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JANINE TURNER QUOTES FROM HOLDING HER HEAD HIGH

“These women rose from the ashes like a phoenix and became glorious stewards of their wounds.”

“They didn’t set out to change history. They did it by merely trying to survive with dignity, faith and compassion. In the process, they left their indelible marks on history.”

“I find their voices to be amazingly modern, no matter the era”

“These women not only had a message about motherhood. They had a message about life.”

“They propelled the issues of their particular battles into progressive movements.”

“These women didn’t just raise their children. They raised their nations.”

“These single mothers succeeded in life, in spite of life.”

“They championed their children and changed history because they walked into the winds of destiny holding their heads high.”

“These women turned tribulations into triumphs, championed their children and changed history.”

“God sees eternity in perspective.”

FOR WOMEN

“Within you lie the seeds of stamina, breadth of talents and abilities beyond your wildest imagination.”

“Within you is the magic that molds our nation.”

FOR MOTHERS

“You are a mother. You have a gift. Find it, keep it, share it with your children..
Illuminate their path. You are their hope.”

“If you are a single mother, you’re not alone. History provides the warmth
and comfort of women who have done it successfully before you.”

Praise for *Holding Her Head High*

“**For every mother who thinks they are merely ordinary**, Janine Turner has skillfully illustrated that their destiny and that of their children is divinely purposed. Through the stories of these remarkable women Janine challenges them to look deep within themselves to find the woman God created them to be. I hope you will let them inspire you to use your influence and God-given authority to help your children fulfill their destiny.”

Victoria Osteen
Co-Pastor, Lakewood Church

“As a 15 year old mother I will never forget the day I looked into my newborn son’s eyes. I was overwhelmed with a feeling that no matter what happened I could never let him down. I knew it was an awesome responsibility and that there were exceptional odds against us, but somehow I knew we were going to be alright.

| Ironically, I only had that feeling one other time in my life—24 years later, on November 21, 2006, when Mayor Adrian Fenty appointed me to be the first female Chief of Police in the Nations Capitol, Washington, D.C.

When I read *Holding Her Head High* I realized that I am not the first single mother to make history, just one of many who have changed history and signify hope to others.”

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When I read Janine Turner’s book I realized that I am not the first single mother to make history, just one of many. ***Holding Her Head High* signifies hope for single mothers. The strengths exhibited by these women will be an inspiration to anyone.**

Cathy L. Lanier
Chief of Police, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C.

“ *Holding Her Head High* is a **fascinating read about single mothers across the ages** finding ways to not only survive but thrive despite their trying circumstances. Janine Turner’s wonderful book can inspire today’s single mothers to help their children overcome life’s challenges.”

Roxanne Spillett
President, Boys & Girls Clubs of America

"Janine Turner has written an important account of arguably the most important people in the world—mothers. *Holding Her Head High* chronicles twelve women who raised their children by themselves and at the same time blazed paths in history. Their achievements inspire. Their stories impress. Their values inform. **Every mother should read this beautiful book.** "

Kay Granger
U.S. Congresswoman, 12th District of Texas

"This unique book **tells in a very special way the little-known stories of a dozen remarkable women** such as Alexander Hamilton's mother, women of strong character and strong faith."

Myrna Blyth
Former Editor-in-Chief, *Ladies' Home Journal*

"Janine articulates some amazing stories of the mothers in her book. Clearly, her resilient spirit and passion give us hope to serve as the force behind this type of role model for other single mothers."

Linda Armstrong Kelly
Author, *No Mountain High Enough: Raising Lance, Raising Me*

" *Holding Her Head High* is a powerful series of mini-biographies of some of the world's most courageous and influential women. This well-researched book gives glimpses into the overwhelming struggles and amazing victories of single mothers throughout history. These are stories of astounding bravery, daunting difficulties, and soaring hope. Janine has done a brilliant job. Two thumbs up!"

Jane Abraham
General Chairman, Susan B. Anthony List

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"Turner has presented all women, and all men who love women, with a singular gift: history's lessons of heroic single motherhood. Those lessons are an earnest invitation to every woman facing life's cruel obstacles to persevere, to love, to think independently and to laugh. Never preachy, Turner brings together a party of women anyone would love to join. Each found love, her genius, and her life work through love of her family and her calling."

Marjorie Dannenfelser
President, Susan B. Anthony List

“May God speak from these powerful pages of history into the truth of your life right now. Our loving God can lift your head high. He can make your life beautiful and give your children even more than you could dream for them. Read these inspiring words and put your hope in His faithfulness.”

Angela Thomas
Best-selling Author, *My Single Mom Life*

“In 2002, when Janine Turner walked away from Hollywood to move to Texas and raise her daughter, she was one of the most popular actors on the big or small screen. Unlike so many celebrities in today’s culture, she found a way to balance a career with what is most important to her—being a devoted mother to Juliette. In *Holding Her Head High*, Janine introduces us to twelve women who step out of the pages of history to mentor the single mothers of today. These eloquently profiled women will inspire mothers everywhere.”

Cathy Gillespie
Women’s Vote Strategist

“As minister to single mothers and fathers I see the incredible struggles daily. *Holding Her Head High* gives single parents a refreshing breath of hope. The dynamic stories of these astounding women demonstrate how single mothers—and all of us—can overcome adversity, achieve success, and change the world for our children through unswerving faith in God. Thank you, Janine, for empowering each of us to become all that God intends for us.”

Pam Willingham
Single-Parent Family Minister, Richland Hills Church of Christ, Fort Worth, TX

“The single mothers in *Hold Your Head High* illustrate the inherent determination that all mothers have to make a better life for their children, and prove again and again that knowledge and mutual respect can overcome stigma and poverty.”

Kathleen Cooney Clarke
Assistant Executive Director, Development & External Affairs, Inwood House

“I love this book because it dispels a horrible myth. That myth is: As a single-parent mother, the best I have to hope for is survival for my mediocre emotionally damaged children. Janine’s excellent research proves what we now know to be true. Women who are willing to work hard and dare to dream can provide everything their children need to not only succeed, but change their world for the better. She truly provides hope in hard times to the women who need it most.”

Gary Richmond

Pastor to Single Parents, First Evangelical Free Church, Fullerton, CA
Author, *Successful Single Parenting*

“Learning to rely on oneself and one's inner strength are important challenges facing single mothers. Thank you to Janine Turner for highlighting single mothers throughout history who took on the challenges of their situations, cared for themselves and their children, and made such a remarkable difference.”

Anne Neuberger
President, Sister to Sister

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