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"This is not a book. This is a guest list for a party of my heroes. Thank you for inviting us."--**Lemony Snicket**, author of *A Series of Unfortunate Events* books

"I feel honored to be included in this book. Women need to take radical steps to become feminists, and to be strong to fight for their rights and those of others facing oppression and discrimination. The world needs *rad* women to create a just society."--**Dolores Huerta**, Labor Leader, Civil Rights Activist

"It's almost always with a chuckle that I view a cartoon image of myself. But to see cartoon-me positioned (alphabetically) amongst so many of my women heroes and role models . . . well, I just broke down and cried. Happy tears. I surely hope that this one-of-a-kind collection of radical American women reaches the hands of all children who want to grow up and become amazing women."--**Kate Bornstein**, author of *My New Gender Workbook*

"Any alphabet book for children where 'P is for Patti' Smith and 'X is for the women whose names we don't know' is something I can recommend, especially when the book is as well written, representationally diverse and vividly illustrated as this one."--**Francesca Lia Block**, author of *Dangerous Angels: The Weetzie Bat Books*

"I was totally in rapture reading this book. Bold women, bold colors, and fierce black paper cutouts. I cheer these histories of women who fight not for war or country or corporation, but for EVERYONE! I can't wait for my son to read this."--**Nikki McClure**, Illustrator of *All in a Day*

"I need 2 of these books, one to read to all the kids in my life and one to rip the illustrations out of so I can frame them! This MUST HAVE super fun read fills in the missing pieces in so many kids' (and grown-ups') educations. Couldn't recommend it enough."--**Kathleen Hanna**, singer, Bikini Kill, Le Tigre and The Julie Ruin
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Like all A-Z books, this one illustrates the alphabet—but instead of "A is for Apple", A is for Angela—as in **Angela Davis**, the iconic political activist. B is for **Billie Jean King**, who shattered the glass ceiling of sports; **C is for Carol Burnett**, who defied assumptions about women in comedy; D is for **Dolores Huerta**, who organized farmworkers; and E is for **Ella Baker**, who mentored Dr. Martin Luther King and helped shape the Civil Rights Movement.

And the list of great women continues, spanning several centuries, multiple professions, and 26 diverse individuals. There are artists and abolitionists, scientists and suffragettes, rock stars and rabble-rousers, and agents of change of all kinds.

The book includes an introduction that discusses what it means to be "rad" and "radical," an afterword with

26 suggestions for how you can be "rad," and a Resource Guide with ideas for further learning and reading.

American history was made by countless rad—and often radical—women. By offering a fresh and diverse array of female role models, we can remind readers that there are many places to find inspiration, and that being smart and strong and brave is rad.

Rad American Women will be appreciated by various age groups. It is Common Core aligned for students grades 3 - 8. Pre-school and young children will be captured by the bright visuals and easily modified texts, while the subject matter will stimulate and inspire high-schoolers and beyond.

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