

# RECENT REVIEWS

## *Working Americans 1810-2015: Volume VI: Women at Work, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*

“This updated edition keeps the pattern of the series, offering fictionalized profiles of average workers throughout American history (here, specifically, women). Jobs range from nineteenth-century “Estate Matron” and “Anti-Corset Advocate” to a variety of teachers, a librarian in 1933, and an Olympic hockey player in 2006. These profiles provide an accurate reflection of the zeitgeist as well as the expertise, home life, and work experiences of the subjects, and are followed by historic and economic data of the time, “Historical Snapshots” (which give current-event information for the time period), news features, and selected price information to act as comparison points between decades. There are time lines and black-and-white illustrations throughout. This is a sound resource suitable for larger public and academic libraries.”

*-Booklist*

“...the work would fare well in the hands of high school students and undergraduates with the guidance of an instructor or librarian...The volume succeeds at presenting various cultural, regional, economic and age-related points of view...the personal profiles...statements about the person’s background, activities, and thoughts, allow one to understand how those dates and events actually affected a given woman’s life—a nice balance between facts and social commentary...Overall the volume is visually appealing, with a proliferation of images, advertisements, and facsimiles from diaries, allowing users to form their own opinions of the time, people and country...scrapbooks provide valuable historic and social information...it is certainly a worthwhile purchase for junior high, high school, and perhaps even undergraduate libraries looking to

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introduce students to interpreting primary resources in women's U.S. history."

- *Feminist Collections*

"The decades 1880-2005 are covered in 13 chapters that include three to five profiles as well as additional historical snapshots, articles from newspapers or magazines, statistics about wages and consumer prices, reproductions of commercial advertisements, and photographs. This makes for easy reading that will help younger students come to an understanding of the lives and situations of American women."

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