

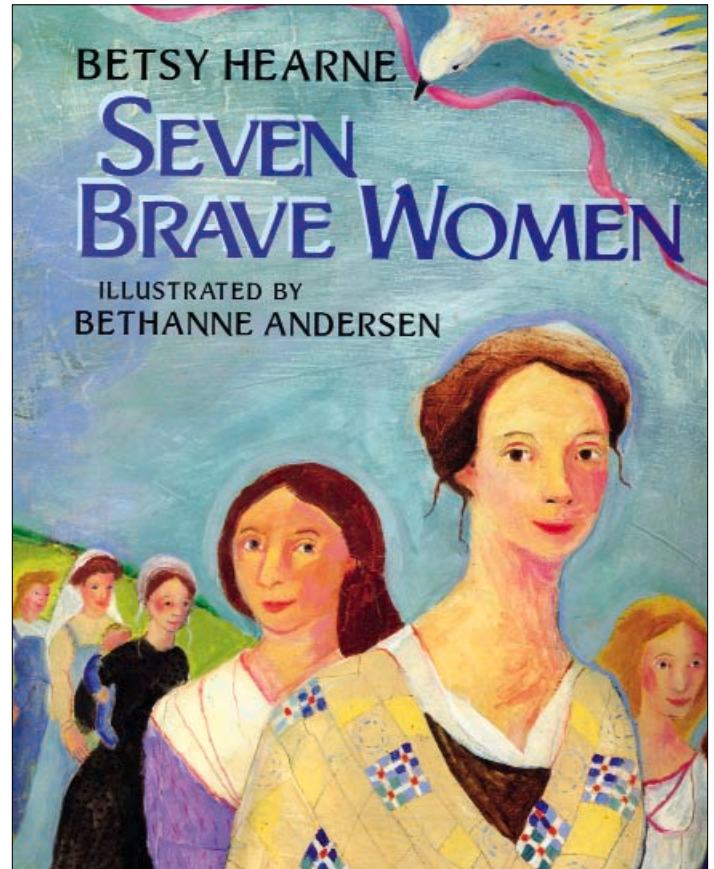
Read SEVEN BRAVE WOMEN

Read the Book

Explore the Lives of These Brave Women

In *Seven Brave Women*, take a journey through time with seven generations of women from one American family who left their indelible imprints on the past. They were farmers and artists and missionaries and storytellers. They fought many battles but never in any wars. Explore the lives of these brave women, and compare them to the brave women in your family history. What are some of the ways the women you know have been brave? How about you?

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Explore the Objects

Visit 200 years of American History as seen from the doorstep of one house that stood from Colonial days through the mid-1960s in



Ipswich, Massachusetts in the National Museum of American History's exhibition, *Within These Walls....* Meet women from five ordinary families whose lives within the walls of the house became part of the great changes and events of the nation's past, and learn how to look for clues to the history of your own family, home, and neighborhood. You can also explore the exhibition online at <http://www.americanhistory.si.edu/house/>

In the 1700s, dolls like this one from England helped little girls from wealthier families learn to dress like ladies.



You can also discover other interesting objects used by women throughout American history by searching through 450 objects on the Museum's web site, History Wired: A Few of Our Favorite Things, online at <http://historywired.si.edu/>

Race-car crash helmet worn by Janet Guthrie, the first woman to compete in the Indianapolis 500, 1970s.

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