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INTRODUCTION

No **DREAM** *is too* **BIG** *if you just believe in* **YOURSELF** ...





And the strong, ambitious and **FANTASTICALLY GREAT** women in this book prove it. They've conquered the tallest mountains, made game-changing discoveries, stood up for women's rights, pioneered careers and protected our beautiful, fragile planet.



But how did they become so **FANTASTICALLY AMAZING** and **GREAT**?



Throughout history, women have held their heads high above the clouds. There's brave pilot **AMELIA EARHART**, who became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. And resilient **JUNKO TABEI**, who climbed higher than any woman had before ... all the way to the top of Mount Everest!





For other women, the best adventures took place in their imaginations. **JANE AUSTEN** wrote stories that were heart-breaking, hilarious and completely thrilling. **FRIDA KAHLO** created paintings that showed what things would look like if everyone was honest about what they were feeling.

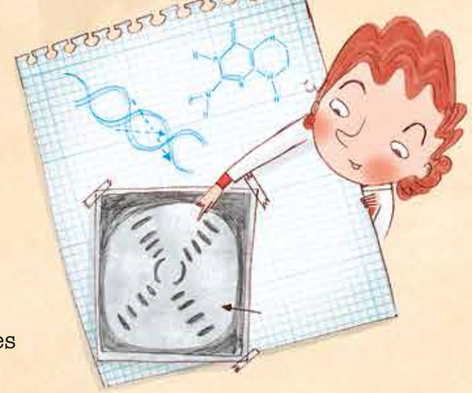








Because of women, we know more about how the world works. It's thanks to **ROSALIND FRANKLIN** that we know **DNA** is what makes us US. And **MARIE CURIE** discovered two new elements and explained radioactivity, which is why she won a Nobel Prize – twice.









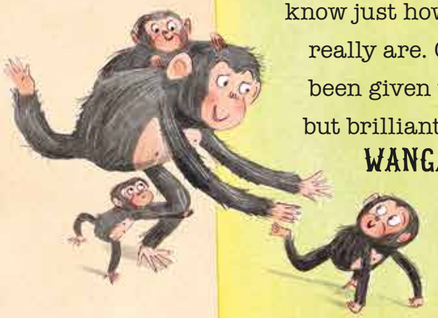
Women have fought hard to show that they can do just about anything. Suffragettes like **EMMELINE PANKHURST**, **FLORA DRUMMOND** and **ROSA MAY BILLINGHURST** made their voices heard when they campaigned for women to get the vote.







But it's not just women who deserve to be treated with respect. Animals and plants do too! At first, people scratched their heads when **JANE GOODALL** said chimpanzees had feelings just like humans – now we know just how clever these creatures really are. Our planet hasn't always been given the respect it deserves, but brilliant conservation hero **WANGARI MAATHAI** showed saving the rainforest starts by sowing seeds of change in others.



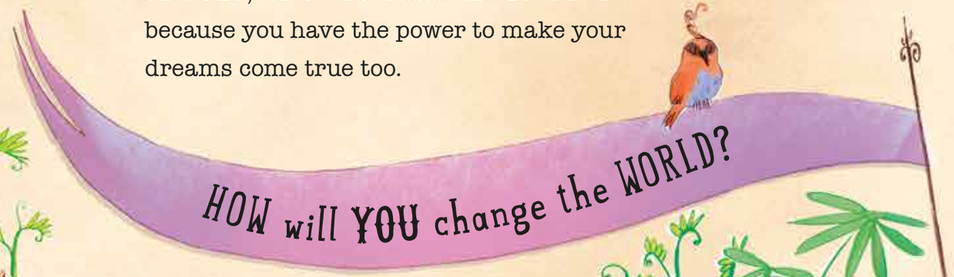






Get ready to discover the remarkable stories of just some of the extraordinary women who have transformed people's expectations of what women can do. Let them inspire you to **BE BOLD**, **AIM HIGH** and **NEVER GIVE UP** because you have the power to make your dreams come true too.







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FANTASTICALLY GREAT WOMEN who CHANGED the world

How did they become so fantastically amazing and great?!

The women in this book didn't set out to be thought of as 'great'. They achieved extraordinary things simply by following their hearts, talents and dreams. They didn't listen when people said they couldn't do something. They dared to be different. And some of them couldn't resist a crazy adventure, or three.