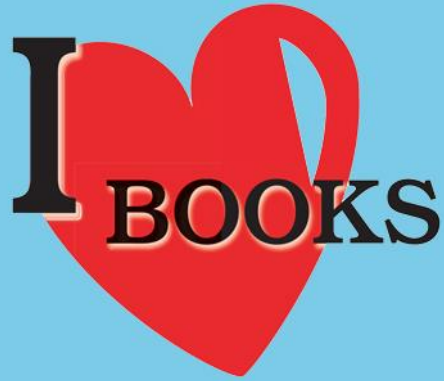




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Prepare for a fantastically
amazing journey with ...

GERTRUDE
EDERLE

Jane Austen

Frida Kahlo

COCO
CHANEL

Mary
Anning

Marie
Curie

MARY
SEACOLE

AMELIA
EARHART

EMMELINE
PANKHURST

Rosa
Parks

Anne Frank

SACAGAWEA

Agent Fifi

**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.

WHO WROTE THESE
WONDERFUL BOOKS?

Jane Austen

Shhhh! When her first book was published, British writer Jane Austen couldn't tell anyone she was the author! In 1811 people thought it wasn't right for a woman to have a job, no matter how talented they were.

The books Jane wrote were SO heartbreaking, romantic and thrilling that they are still enjoyed two hundred years later. They are some of the best stories ever created.

MEET SOME OF JANE'S
HEROINES, HEROES
AND VILLAINS ...

Mr Darcy is such a BORE!

A witty heroine who speaks her mind even though a proper 'lady' was not supposed to have an opinion.

Elizabeth Bennet
and Mr Darcy
PRIDE and
PREJUDICE

Why won't you marry me?!

Dashingly handsome, and wealthy. Changes his snooty ways to win Elizabeth Bennet's heart.

Decides to help her friends and family find the right husband, but discovers she has a lot to learn about life and love.

How romantic!

Emma Woodhouse
EMMA

Who does she think she is?

GASP!

Struggles to learn that real life doesn't work out like the dramatic novels she loves to read.

In secret letters to her sister, Jane writes of having her own heart broken, just like the heroines she wrote about, by a man called Tom Lefroy. The two weren't allowed to marry because Jane's family was not rich.

With no husband, Jane had to rely on her family for money, until her books became popular!

A vain and nasty upper class man, who thinks being beautiful is more important than being a nice person.



Sir Walter Elliot
PERSUASION

How UGLY!

Mrs Norris
MANSFIELD PARK

A beastly woman in a bonnet who is really horrible to her niece, Fanny Price, who comes from a poor family.

Catherine Morland
NORTHANGER ABBEY

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SHE SWAM HER OWN STROKE! GERTRUDE EDERLE

ESSENTIAL CHANNEL SWIMMER KIT:

A TWO PIECE SWIMSUIT:

Rather than wear a heavy woollen swimsuit, Trudy made herself one of the first two piece bathing suits from underwear. (Men swam the Channel naked!)

GREASE!

Trudy's whole body was smothered in grease to keep her warm in the cold water.

A BRIGHT RED SWIMMING CAP

So onlookers could spot her in the waves.

THREE men
have swum the
Channel. I
can too!

GOGGLES

To stop sea water stinging her eyes.

ENGLAND

Finally after swimming for
14 HOURS AND 31 MINUTES - around
35 MILES - she reached the English
coast. Gertrude had swum it
her way and set a new record
time, **TWO HOURS FASTER** than any
of the men who had previously
completed the swim!

KINGSDOWN BEACH

Gertrude ate sugar cubes (even
though people said that wasn't
enough food) and kept her stroke
in time by listening to her favourite
song on a gramophone. It was called ...

Yes, We Have No bananas!

She fought strong currents
(ignoring people telling her
she must give up).

Not much
farther!

Watch out for sharks
and stinging jellyfish!
GULP!

I'll get there
faster using
this stroke.

Gertrude used her
strongest stroke -
American Crawl (even
though everyone said
breaststroke was better).

In August 1926, aged
nineteen, Trudy waded into
the sea in France, called
'cheerio' and set off on her
second attempt to swim
the English Channel.

FOLLOW THE ARROWS TO TRACK GERTRUDE'S JOURNEY!

CAP GRIZ-NEZ

FRANCE

