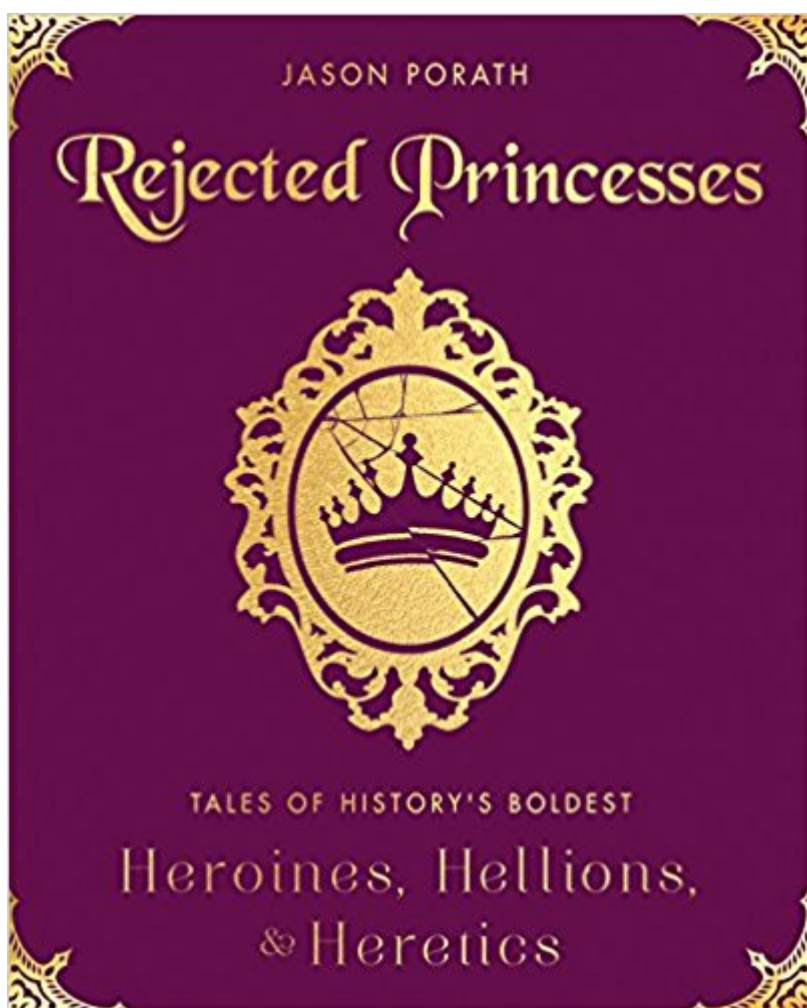




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Rejected Princesses: Tales Of History's Boldest Heroines, Hellions, And Heretics



Synopsis

Blending the iconoclastic feminism of The Notorious RBG and the confident irreverence of Go the F**ck to Sleep, a brazen and empowering illustrated collection that celebrates inspirational badass women throughout history, based on the popular Tumblr blog. Well-behaved women seldom make history. Good thing these women are far from well behaved . . . Illustrated in a contemporary animation style, Rejected Princesses turns the ubiquitous "pretty pink princess" stereotype portrayed in movies, and on endless toys, books, and tutus on its head, paying homage instead to an awesome collection of strong, fierce, and yes, sometimes weird, women: warrior queens, soldiers, villains, spies, revolutionaries, and more who refused to behave and meekly accept their place. An entertaining mix of biography, imagery, and humor written in a fresh, young, and riotous voice, this thoroughly researched exploration salutes these awesome women drawn from both historical and fantastical realms, including real life, literature, mythology, and folklore. Each profile features an eye-catching image of both heroic and villainous women in command from across history and around the world, from a princess-cum-pirate in fifth century Denmark, to a rebel preacher in 1630s Boston, to a bloodthirsty Hungarian countess, and a former prostitute who commanded a fleet of more than 70,000 men on China's seas.

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Customer Reviews

100 women from the pages of history, literature, and folklore. Fearless, bold, fierce, these are the Rejected Princesses.

I have been following Jason's blog Rejected Princesses for a long time and am absolutely thrilled with the book. I especially like that it is separated by maturity so that I have a good idea before reading it if it will be appropriate for my 7 year old daughter (yes I read them first before she will but it's nice to have a guide).

Amazing, gorgeous book! It's full of wonderful pictures, high quality paper, humorous and yet serious writing, and is worth every penny. A lot of the characters are not what would be termed 'morally good' or 'heroes', but that's pretty much the point--many men in history aren't morally good, but we still hear about them because what they did was big or unusual or amazing--even terrifying or tragic. It's a fascinating read, occasionally making jokes, but also taking its subject matter seriously if it's a heavier topic. So far as I can tell, it strives for accuracy without enforcing 'facts' which have been disputed or so on regarding these women's lives. Would definitely recommend, especially if you already love the website.

This book details women that don't always get the acknowledgement they deserve in history. It starts out with the more mild stories, suitable for young kids, and advances through to warrior queens, spies, mathematicians, and more, some with violent or raunchy tendencies. Off to the side of each page is a number 1-5 indicating to you what level the story is at. There are also warnings on things like violence, sex, self harm, etc. The author's language changes as you get into the more advanced sections of the book too. The stories are inspiring, often funny, and most of all impressive. The stories draw from a variety of cultures around the world, and cover both mythical and real women. From ancient Egyptian queens to Chinese pirates, from French sword-slinging opera singers to astronomical geniuses, civil rights activists and those who did their share of violating human rights, this book is an adventure from start to finish and is great for anyone who wants to have a slightly more realistic and comprehensive view of women through history.

If you buy one book this year, make this it. Whether for yourself or your daughter, you will not be disappointed. Concise histories of bad *** women who deserve to be known. Written with both humor and care, this man deserves an award for putting the stories of lesser known super women out into the world. The only thing I feel parents need to know is that these are NOT your typical princess stories put forth by Disney. If you're not comfortable with your children being taught some of the details of hardships, you might want to wait til they're a bit older. I got it for my eight and thirteen year old daughters to read together. They absolutely love it. You can see the bolster of

confidence physically after they've read the stories. I can only imagine what its doing for them internally. If I could give this book ten stars, I would.

This is a wonderful idea and a great book. It is a collection of mostly non-fiction stories about real women in history who "would not be picked as Disney princesses." Not all of the stories are appropriate for all ages (because the history of these fascinating women is mostly accurate and occasionally raw.) The author provides ratings to warn you and the illustrations are really fun. Strongly recommend for anyone curious about the strong women history class neglected to mention.

I can't define this book as dark or light-hearted or suspenseful because it is ALL of these things, and more. It tells the stories of women from history who broke the rules, sometimes violently, sometimes outrageously, sometimes quietly and subtly. It's a fantastic book for little girls and women and all people, the art is brilliant, and the spirit of the book is humorous, respectful, sometimes a touch dark, and above all FUN. It tells stories that we need to read and hear. I LOVE this book.

A beautiful book. The stories of the "princesses" in this book will make you 1. Make you wonder why you haven't heard of more of these women? 2. Make you angry that you DON'T know more. The illustrations are almost as beautiful as some of the stories. Appropriate for both children and adults (although some of the entries may not be suitable for little kids - it's all a matter of what you think is appropriate for YOUR kids). Every story is a actual person or a mythological/fable from another culture. This book could be a bedtime story about heroic, smart, and brave women - or just a awesome book for your bookshelf about heroic, smart and brave women.

So I ordered this after falling in love with the comics on Tumblr. It is so big! There are so many! I haven't read through all, but the writing is engaging, the sheer volume is staggering. Each entry is long enough to be engaging and gripping and short enough that you could read one a night for several years and be happy. I am staggered by the density of the information. I got the hardback for a gift but am seriously thinking about getting the Kindle version simply because it is SO heavy. This is an ideal coffee table, waiting room book. If it wasn't so darned pretty it would be perfect for a bathroom bookshelf. SO many pages. So many stories. It's so, so rich. I wish I'd had this when I was a kid, when my eldest was small.

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