



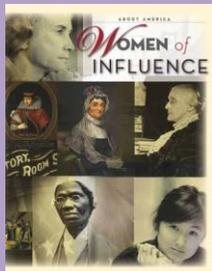
## March 8, 2010 International Women's Day

Each year around the world, International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on March 8. Hundreds of events occur not just on this day but throughout March to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women.

**2010 Theme:** "Equal rights, equal opportunities: Progress for all"

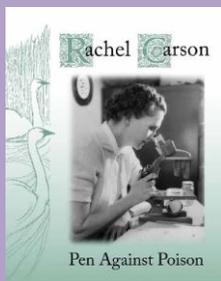
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#### [Women of Influence](#)

This collection chronicles how 21 notable American women broke new ground, some by championing equal rights for all and others by their accomplishments in fields such as government, literature, and even in war.



#### [Rachel Carson: Pen Against Poison](#)

Rachel Carson was a quiet woman who stirred extraordinary controversy that persists decades after her death. Her 1962 book *Silent Spring* brought worldwide attention to the harm to human health and the environment wrought by mishandling of a powerful pesticide, fomenting the environmental movement. In the 100th anniversary year of Carson's birth, this publication examines how occasionally in history a book with a powerful idea can bring about peaceful but dramatic change in a democratic society.



#### [Women's Issues Major Focus of U.S. Policy](#)

In March, the world observes International Women's Day and the United States observes Women's History Month. While women have made great strides in many areas where they once were marginalized, there is still much work to be done in areas including education, health and gender-based violence. *Photo: ©AP Images*



#### [Great Women of the Twentieth Century](#)

A new photography exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution's National Portrait Gallery celebrates American women who made important contributions to arts, science, sports, entertainment, business and politics in the 20th century. Join [America.gov](#) for a brief introduction to a few of these remarkable women. *Photo: ©Max Waldman*



#### [Helping Girls Stay in School](#)

Educated girls and women are less vulnerable to HIV infection. They are less likely to become victims of trafficking schemes or other forms of exploitation. They are more likely to marry later and to give birth to fewer children. Women who are well educated in turn raise children who are likely to go to school and make important contributions to family incomes. U.S. groups are providing support so girls around the world can enroll in school and complete secondary education. *Photo: ©Courtesy AED*



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