

AMY TAN

(1952-Present)

Amy Tan is a bestselling author whose books often depict and explore the mother-daughter dynamic and the Chinese-American experience. She has also written two children's books, one of which was adapted into the PBS animated television series, "Sagwa."



"If you can't
change your fate,
change your
attitude."

ANNE FRANK

(1929-1945)

Anne Frank was a Jewish teenager who journaled her family's experiences as they hid in an attic in Amsterdam during the Holocaust. Captured and sent to a concentration camp, Anne died just weeks before the camp was liberated by the British. "The Diary of Anne Frank" has been translated into 67 languages.



"No one has ever
become poor
by giving."

DOLLY PARTON

(1946-Present)

The fourth of 12 children living in a one room cabin, Dolly Parton traveled from rags to rhinestones. She began performing in public at age six and grew into one of the biggest and most beloved personalities in popular and country music. She is also an actress, businesswoman, author and humanitarian.

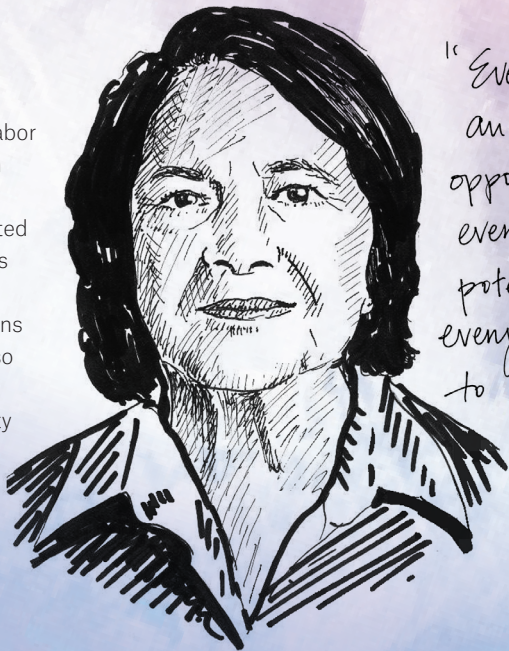


" Find out
who you are.
And do it
on purpose. "

DOLORES HUERTA

(1930-Present)

Dolores Huerta is an American activist and labor leader who worked with Cesar Chavez to lay the groundwork for the United Farm Workers. A tireless advocate for improved socioeconomic conditions for farmworkers, she also lectures on immigration issues, income inequality and the rights of women and Latinos.

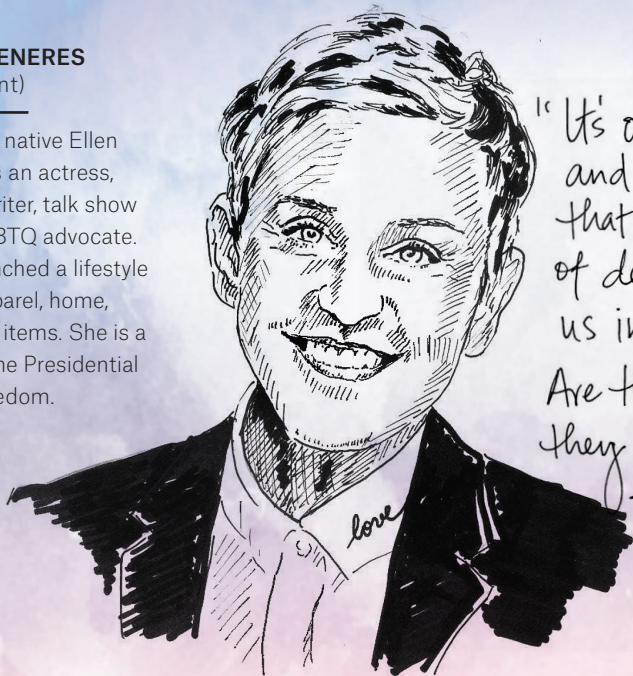


"Every moment is an organizing opportunity, every person a potential activist, every minute a chance to change the world."

ELLEN DEGENERES

(1958-Present)

New Orleans native Ellen DeGeneres is an actress, comedian, writer, talk show host and LGBTQ advocate. She also launched a lifestyle brand for apparel, home, baby and pet items. She is a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



"It's our challenges and obstacles that give us layers of depth and make us interesting.

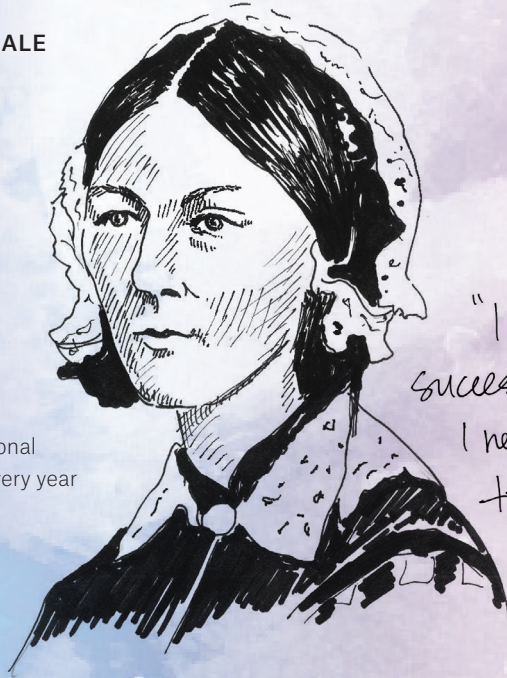
Are they fun when they happen? No.

But they are what make us unique."

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

(1820-1910)

English statistician, writer and social reformer Florence Nightingale is better known for her contributions to nursing, earning her nickname "The Lady of the Lamp" during the Crimean War. Her advancement of the nursing profession is recognized on International Nurses Day, celebrated every year on her birthday.

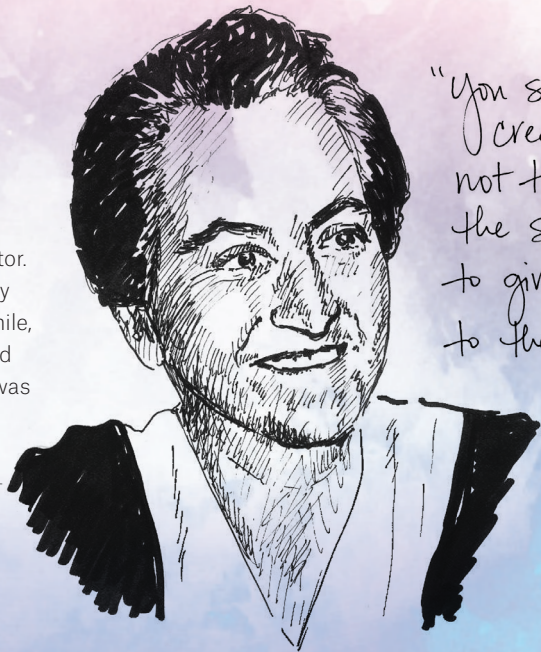


"I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took an excuse."

GABRIELA MISTRAL

(1889-1957)

Lucila Godoy y Alcayaga, better known by her pseudonym Gabriela Mistral, was a Chilean diplomat, poet and educator. One of the greatest literary figures in the history of Chile, she crusaded for expanded access to education and was the first Latin American author to win the Nobel Prize in Literature.

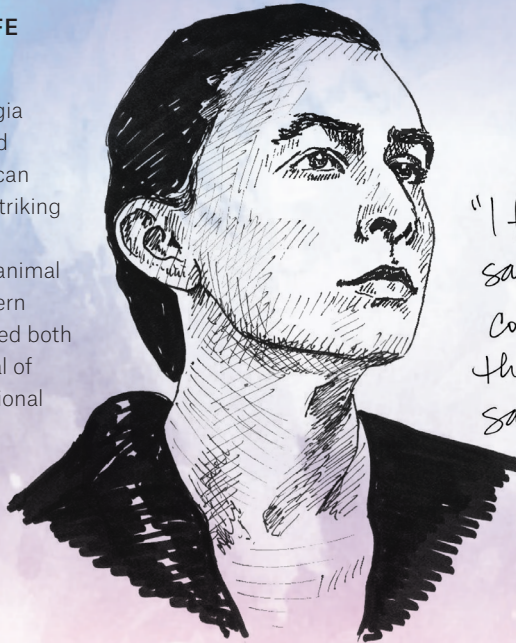


*"You shall
create beauty
not to excite
the senses but
to give sustenance
to the soul."*

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE

(1887-1986)

American artist Georgia O'Keeffe is considered the "Mother of American Modernism," for her striking paintings of enlarged flowers, skyscrapers, animal skulls and southwestern landscapes. She earned both the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the National Medal of Arts.



"I found I could
say things with
color and shapes
that I couldn't
say any other way
- things I had
no words for. "

GWEN IFILL

(1955-2016)

American journalist, television newscaster and author Gwen Ifill was the first woman of African descent to host a nationally televised public affairs program. Moderator and managing editor of "Washington Week" and co-anchor and managing editor of "PBS NewsHour," Ifill covered seven presidential campaigns.



"I was taught that the search for truth and justice are not incompatible and are, in fact, essential."

INDRA NOOYI

(1955-Present)

Consistently ranked among the world's 100 most powerful women, Indra Nooyi is an Indian American business executive and the former CEO of PepsiCo, where she was instrumental in brand diversification. She currently serves on the board of Amazon and is helping draft an economic development strategy for the state of Connecticut.

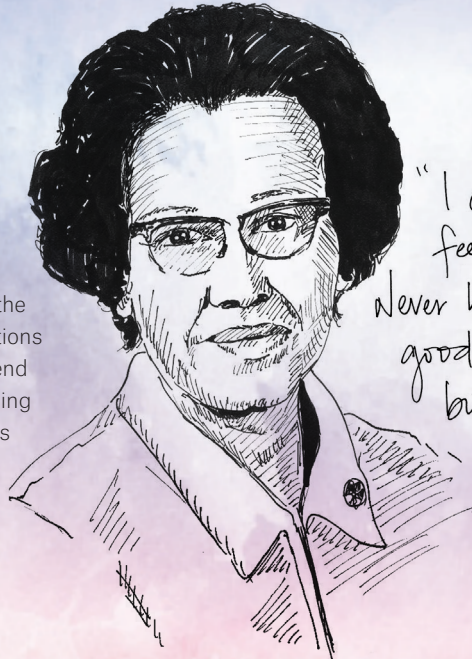


"An important attribute of success is to be yourself. Never hide what makes you, you."

KATHERINE JOHNSON

(1918-2020)

Gifted mathematician, Katherine Johnson was one of NASA's human "computers" featured in the book and movie "Hidden Figures." She and her colleagues performed the complex trajectory calculations that allowed us to safely send humans into space...and bring them back! In 2015 she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

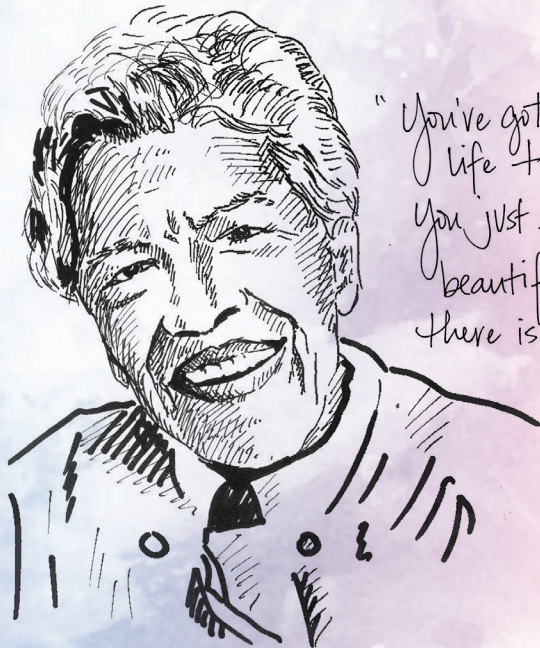


"I don't have a feeling of inferiority. Never had. I'm as good as anybody, but no better."

LEAH CHASE

(1923-2019)

Civil Rights activist and "Queen of Creole Cuisine" Leah Chase and her husband Dooky transformed a small sandwich shop into a culinary landmark that hosted presidents, celebrities and key figures in the civil rights movement. Disney's Princess Tiana was a nod to Leah's legacy.

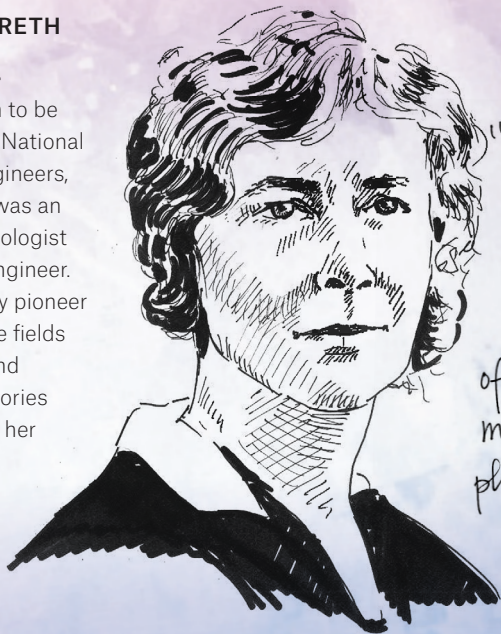


"You've got to live
life to the fullest.
You just enjoy every
beautiful thing
there is to enjoy."

LILLIAN GILBRETH

(1878-1972)

The first woman to be elected into the National Academy of Engineers, Lillian Gilbreth was an American psychologist and industrial engineer. She was an early pioneer in combining the fields of psychology and engineering, theories she also used in her parenting of 12 children.



"To meet today's challenge to women, one must make up her own philosophy of life, have a sense of humor and be mentally alert and physically, mentally and spiritually."

MAHALIA JACKSON

(1911-1972)

New Orleans native Mahalia Jackson was a revered American gospel singer and civil rights activist. Throughout her career, she kept a personal pledge to never sing secular music. Dubbed "The Queen of Gospel," she was the first gospel singer to perform at Carnegie Hall.

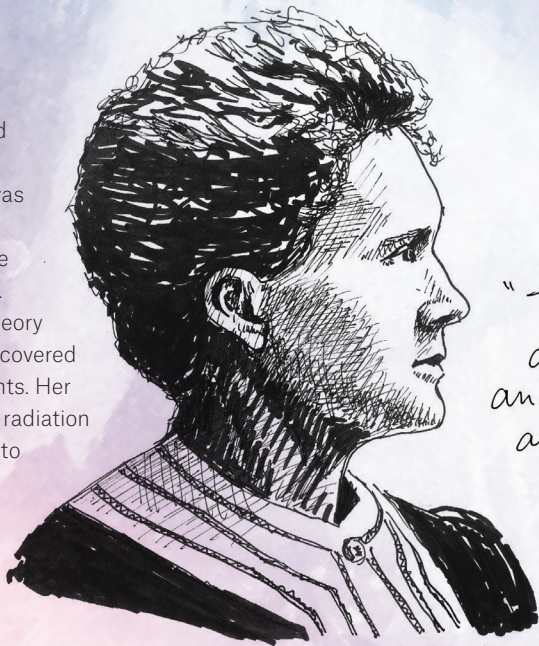


*"Faith and prayer
are the vitamins
of the soul; man
cannot live in
health without them."*

MARIE CURIE

(1867-1934)

Polish born, naturalized French physicist and chemist Marie Curie was the first woman to win the Nobel Prize and the first person to win two. Curie developed the theory of radioactivity and discovered two radioactive elements. Her prolonged exposure to radiation ultimately contributed to her death.

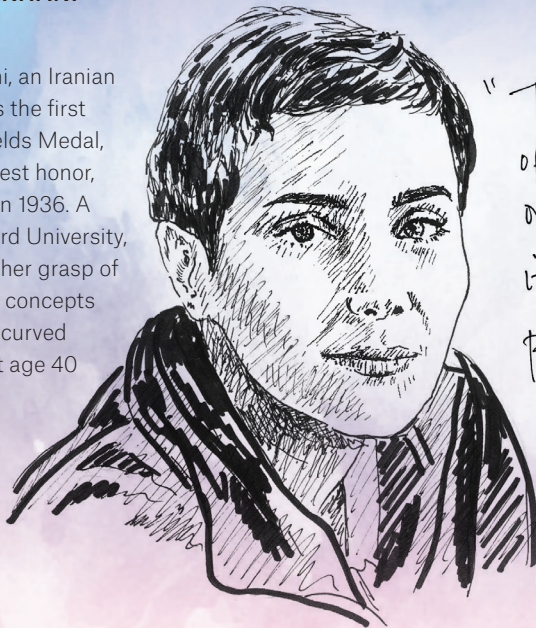


"Be less curious
about people
and more curious
about ideas."

MARYAM MIRZAKHANI

(1977-2017)

Maryam Mirzakhani, an Iranian mathematician was the first woman to win a Fields Medal, mathematics' highest honor, since its inception in 1936. A professor at Stanford University, she was known for her grasp of complex geometric concepts particularly around curved shapes. She died at age 40 from breast cancer.



"The beauty of mathematics only shows itself to more patient followers."

MAYA YING LIN

(1959-Present)

Maya Ying Lin, an American designer, architect and artist, designed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. when she was still in college. Since then, she has created memorials and art installations around the country and her work is exhibited around the world.



"To me, the American Dream is being able to follow your own personal calling. To be able to do what you want to do is incredible freedom."

ORETHA CASTLE HALEY

(1939-1987)

American civil rights activist Oretha Castle Haley was a prominent figure in the Civil Rights Movement in New Orleans. Her home served as the New Orleans headquarters for the Freedom Riders, who were non-violent protesters against segregated transportation and facilities. She also helped found the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation.



"Reforms must begin with education. Otherwise, we are an obsolete people."

RUTH FERTEL

(1927-2002)

Louisiana native Ruth Fertel bought her first restaurant with no background or experience in the restaurant industry. Founder of the Ruth's Chris Steak House empire and a pioneer in the restaurant business, she is considered "The First Lady of American Restaurants."

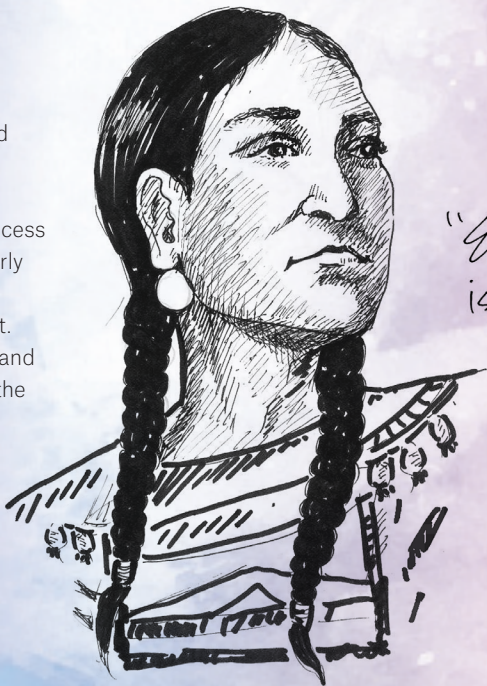


"Ruth's Recipe:
Insist on making toast.
Make big plans, but
live spontaneously.
Live and dine
without regret."

SACAGAWEA

(1788-1812)

Sacagawea, a teenaged interpreter from the Shoshone tribe, was instrumental to the success of Lewis and Clark's early 19th century expedition into the American West. She even gave birth to and cared for a son during the two-year journey.



*"Everything I do
is for my people."*

SALLY RIDE

(1951-2012)

In 1978, astrophysicist Sally Ride was selected from 1000 applicants to join NASA's astronaut program. Just five years later, she was the first American woman to go into space, aboard the space shuttle Challenger. She later started a company to create products to inspire girls and young women to pursue scientific careers.



"The stars don't
look bigger,
but they do
look brighter."

SELENA QUINTANILLA

(1971-1995)

Selena Quintanilla, the "Queen of Tejano Music" was an award-winning Latin recording artist, actress, model and fashion designer—creating her own stage outfits. Known for her fusion of Latin music with other genres, she earned seven No.1 Latin hits during her brief career. Her life was tragically cut short at just 23.



"The goal isn't
to live forever
but to create
something
that will."

SIMONE BILES

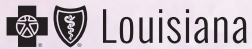
(1997-Present)

At just 4'8", Simone Biles is one of the most decorated American athletes in the world. The diminutive gymnast with a big personality has earned 30 Olympic and World Championship medals and is the first female African American all-around world champion.



"I'd rather regret the risks that didn't work out than the chances I didn't take at all."

Women throughout history have achieved great things.
Send a note of thanks to someone who has inspired you.



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