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March is Women's History Month, a time to celebrate the many accomplishments and contributions of women throughout history. We recognize and commend the trailblazing work of women who helped secure a women's right to vote, have fought for gender and race equity, have advocated for their fellow women, and so much more. We also celebrate recent history-making moments like **Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's Supreme Court nomination**, the **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) being renewed by Congress**, and **Equal Pay Day** arriving early this year for the first time in 26 years.

Yet, as Women's History Month comes to an end, the celebration doesn't stop here. The opportunities to honor the many contributions of women to society can and should happen all year long. As should the conversations about how we can continue to break down barriers that keep women from succeeding. What would it take to ensure all women, including women of color, disabled women, assault survivors, female veterans, and mothers had their experiences and work taken seriously? How can we create more equity in the workplace, healthcare, and leadership?

At the Women's Foundation, we are committed to participating in these conversations and uplifting and supporting the hard work already being done by and for women across Montana.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Montana women and girls.
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P.S. Below we have compiled some media that highlights the successes and struggles of women now and throughout history.



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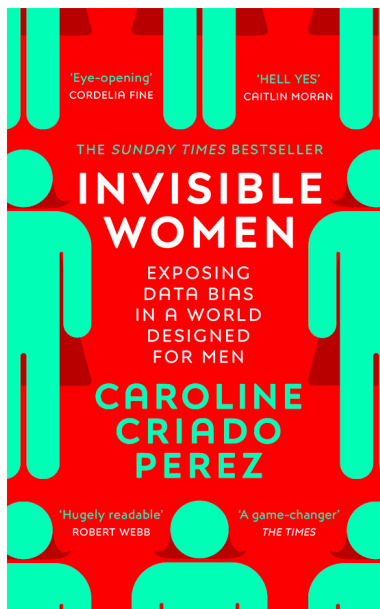
POWERHOUSE BLOG

March 8 is known worldwide as International Women's Day, a day to celebrate the historical and present accomplishments of women, and draw awareness to the issues that still affects women's lives unequally.



And while there is much to celebrate on International Women's Day, did you know the reason we celebrate each year on March 8 is rooted in protest? Check out our blog post [here](#) to learn more about the day's history.

Media Created By, For, and Featuring Women



To Read: [Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed for Men](#)

Published in 2019, “Invisible Women” by author Caroline Criado Perez explores the gender data gap. In one excerpt, for example, Perez writes, “Women tend to sit further forward than men when driving. This is because we are on average shorter. Our legs need to be closer to reach the pedals, and we need to sit more upright to see clearly over the dashboard. This is not, however, the ‘standard seating position.’ Women are ‘out of position’ drivers. And our willful deviation from the norm means that we are at greater risk of internal injury on frontal collisions.” Perez’s methodical and deliberate discoveries make this book one to add to your reading list.



To Watch: Disney recently released “**Turning Red**” which offers a poignant depiction of a girl who enters puberty. It is the first Pixar/Disney movie written and directed by an Asian American woman and the studio’s first film directed, written, and produced by women. **Domee Shi**, who also directed Pixar’s short film, **Bao**, uses the story of middle school student Meilin “Mei” Lee to talk about being a young woman and Mei’s Chinese second-generation identity.



To Stay Informed: Non-profit newsroom, **The 19th**, details **how women are becoming exceedingly detached from the political process**, just as the midterm cycle is coming up. “41% of women say they’re more tuned out from politics- a 12-point increase compared to polling conducted last year. The figure was higher for women of color (49%) and women under 40 (55%).” It’s not that women collectively don’t understand that elections are important, but many women have been stretched thin and don’t have the capacity to be more in tune with what is happening in today’s politics. Check out more [here](#)



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