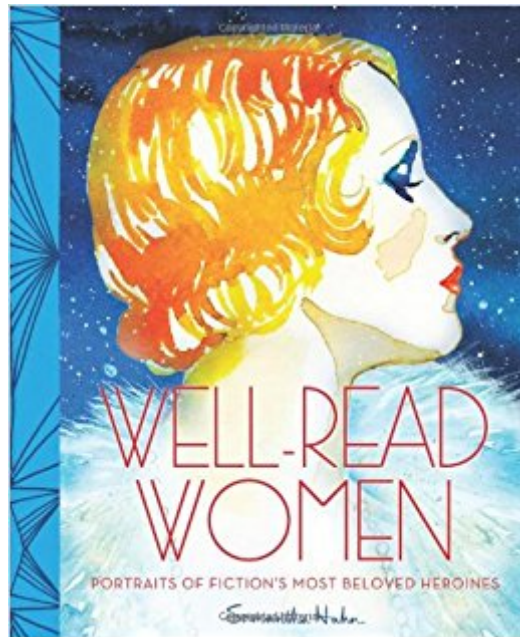




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Well-Read Women: Portraits Of Fiction's Most Beloved Heroines



Synopsis

A treasure of a gift for the well-read woman, this collection brings together 50 stirring portraits, in watercolor and in word, of literature's most well-read female characters. Anna Karenina, Clarissa Dalloway, Daisy Buchanan...each seems to live on the page through celebrated artist Samantha Hahn's evocative portraits and hand-lettered quotations, with the pairing of art and text capturing all the spirit of the character as she was originally written. The book itself evokes vintage grace reimagined for contemporary taste, with a cloth spine silkscreened in a graphic pattern, debossed cover, and pages that turn with the tactile satisfaction of watercolor paper. In the hand and in the reading, here is a new classic for the book lover's library.

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"The perfect collection of our favorite fictional heroines brought to life in gorgeous illustrations by the immensely talented Samantha Hahn-it's destined to become a classic and inspire readers and artists alike." - Christiane Lemieux, CEO, DwellStudio, and author, Undecorate

"Samantha Hahn's lush and dreamy illustrations capture the hearts of literature's most adored heroines. They're all here-Clarissa Dalloway, Dorothea Brooke, Nancy Drew-and each one is drawn so magnificently that their authors would rejoice as we rejoice, and tear the pages from this book to hang on their walls." - Emma Straub, author, *Laura Lamont's Life in Pictures*

"Samantha Hahn's exuberant watercolors paired with sharply chosen quotes feel at once nostalgic and modern, stylish and genuine. All qualities befitting the complex women she renders." - Stella Bugbee, editorial director, New York magazine/the cut.com

"These women are important. They illuminate the world. So read, read, read

their words. And learn what life is." -Maira Kalman, artist, author *And the Pursuit of Happiness*"The portraits are breathtaking - sometimes tender, sometimes intense, always thoughtfully evocative of each heroine's persona and sensibility." - Brain Pickings"Absolutely stunning." -

Bust.com"Samantha Hahn's *Well-Read Women: Portraits of Fiction's Most Beloved Heroines* (Chronicle) is absolutely gorgeous and has inspired me to read some new titles. I'm still deciding which is my favorite spread; it changes each time I open this book." - LibraryJournal.com"Samantha Hahn has a knack for capturing the fluidity of a costume and the gloss of an eye or lip." - New York Times Book Review"Richly illustrated and exquisitely hand-lettered, *Well-Read Women* is the perfect convergence of literature and art-and a wonderful gift for any passionate reader. I have devoured it already several times over." - Lisa Congdon, artist and illustrator"Gorgeous...exquisite in every way.... I can't take my hands off of this book - I seriously love it and will definitely be buying copies to give to my friends" -- Decor8"Gorgeous." - Redbook"Exquisite." - Entertainment Weekly

Samantha Hahn is a New York-based painter known for her ethereal watercolors and fashion illustrations. Her work has been exhibited internationally.

What a treasure of art and quotations by literature's most beloved female characters, from Jane Eyre, Hester Prynne, and Clarissa Dalloway to Moll Flanders, Wendy Darling, and Auntie Mame--even Alice in Wonderland and Nancy Drew. The watercolor portraits are beautiful and lettering exquisite. I presented a copy of this book to my other nine book club members who were thrilled. I return to the book again and again to enjoy the artwork and ponder the quotes. Samantha Hahn's book is simply outstanding and a must-have, must-read, must-give for every woman who appreciates good literature going back more than a century. The book is an inspiration to read those works of literature you've missed along the way!

This book may be more directed at women, but my wife and daughter urged me to read it. Honestly, it's classy and distinctive. Makes a great gift.

I bought it as a gift for my niece, and she loved it.Beautiful gift book.

what a phenomenal book, so glad i got a heads up from a co-worker on this book. buying more copies asap. can't decide which picture is my favorite!!!

I don't agree with some of the author's interpretations of what some of the characters look like because I have my own ideas. The paintings are absolutely gorgeous tho and for that I love it. Knowing portrait painting is very difficult and watercolor not easy, they are even more so. I was told this by some artist friends. I still love looking at it even if I don't agree. Beautiful book.

Lovely book, full of wonderful quotes - some surprising, some unknown and one or two "missing". Sure to delight book lovers and artists alike!

This book contains beautiful watercolor renderings of famous literary heroines. It's a fun book to flip through, if you're a fan of classic literature. I purchased this as a gift for a friend who loves to read, but it was a bit smaller than I expected. It's not a heavy weight book and the dimensions are modest so it doesn't make for a very good coffee table book. However, it is quite beautifully illustrated and contains some great quotes.

This is such a beautifully crafted and thoughtful book. Got mine yesterday and I've already decided I'm giving a copy to every woman I know this Christmas! The beautiful details just blow me away. And I know I will refer back to it through the years, whenever I need a little inspiration or guidance...the kind only a classic literary heroine can give.

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