Champions for Peace
Women Winners of the Nobel Peace Prize
SECOND EDITION
JUDITH HICKS STIEHM

"If you seek inspiration for instigating change, Stiehm’s book will deliver. . . . The examples of all of these healers, writers, and peacemakers prove once again how one individual committed to goodness can lead civilization forward."
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Only fifteen women have won the Nobel Prize for Peace since it was first awarded in 1901. In this compelling book, Judith Stiehm narrates these women’s varied lives in fascinating detail. The second edition includes the stories of three additional outstanding women—Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Leymah Gbowee, and Tawakkol Karman—who were honored in 2011. Engaged and inspiring, all of these women clearly demonstrate that there is something each of us can do to advance a just, positive peace. Whether they began by insisting on garbage collection or simply by planting a tree, each shared a common vision and commitment undiminished by obstacles and opposition. As Judith Stiehm convincingly shows, all are truly “champions for peace.”

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