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Randall Norris, Jean-Phillippe Cypres : Women Of Coal before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Women Of Coal:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Great Book!By Randall NorrisThis is a book filled with 54 pictures and stories of ordinary women who have done extraordinary things. They like living in Appalachia, and even with all its challenges they have led happy, productive lives. They've had to deal with murderous capitalist exploitation, 300 years of crooked politicians, coal owners who have raped the land and killed their husbands and children in accidents and with environmental destruction, timber companies that stole all the first growth timber, no jobs, poor schools, almost non existent health care and yet they have triumphed over all of these things. As Faulkner said, "They not persevered, they triumphed!"5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Women I never knew existedBy Deborah L. RandallI was uplifted and very satisfied to be exposed to the range of women who have fought for basic humanitarian rights in the southern coal regions. These are normal people making their small difference in a world they seem to love. I would have loved to hear more about the assumed women listed such as Mother Jones, Sara Ogen Gunning, Alice Lloyd, Bessie Smith (all of whom can be looked up). Most especially, I would love to know more about Granny Hager, and Widow Combs. They are mentioned in this book briefly and there seems to be no other record of them.Overall, the book is a wonderful taste of the differences that women make today and have made in the past. I would love to hear more detail from the authors on the infamous women of the region who never made it into the Seneca Falls Women's Hall of Fame or any Encyclopedia.

The history of women's roles in the coalfields and communities of Appalachia has been poorly documented. What has been recorded depicts Appalachian women as suppressed by a male-dominated culture. In *Women of Coal*, photographs and words of self-expression combine to challenge the stereotypes of mountain and coalfield women. Heirs to a rich tradition of protest that extends from the women who endured incredible hardships in the early coal camps, the women in this book do not see themselves as stereotypical. Concerned with the larger picture are women such as Linda Lester, a coal miner from Appalachia, Virginia; she helped form a Coal Employment Project for women, and the project now has members in Australia, Great Britain, and Germany. Attitudes are not weighed down by the past but rather embrace it to address issues in the present. Edith Crabtree, for example, is concerned with black lung benefits and medical coverage for workers. Edna Gulley's heart goes out to the poor who can't afford to buy clothes. Susan Oglebay, an attorney for the United Mine Workers, is very aware that the coal industry is collapsing all around and despairs for the future. Helen Carson, retired director of a Head Start program, thinks women are accepting new changes and adapting to them, while men are sticking to, and stuck in, traditional political forms. The old attitudes spur these women to work in their communities toward a better future for their families. Just as James Agee and Walker Evans revealed the grim reality of southern sharecroppers during the Depression, Randall Norris and Jean-Philippe Cypres capture the lives of three generations of women in central Appalachia. Told in their own words, these stories will speak to general readers as well as anyone interested in the culture and history of Appalachia

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