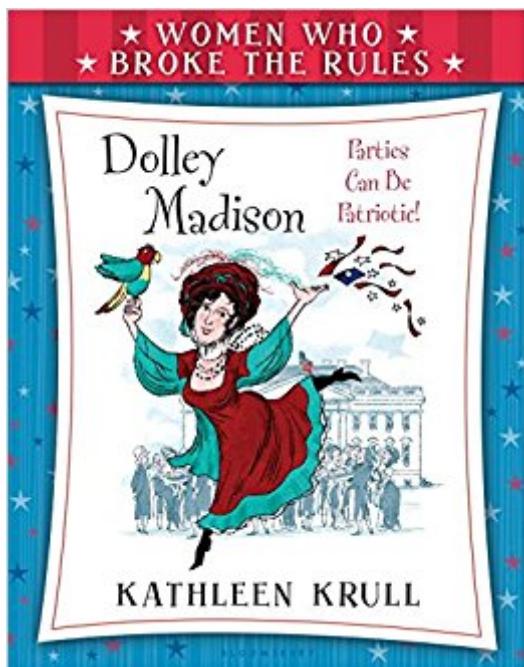


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# Women Who Broke The Rules: Dolley Madison



## **Synopsis**

"Well-behaved women seldom make history." -Laurel Thatcher Ulrich Many awe-inspiring women have changed the course of history. From fighting for social justice and women's rights to discovering and shaping our amazing country, women have left an indelible mark on our past, present, and future. But it's not easy to affect change, and these women didn't always play by the rules to make a difference! Kathleen Krull blends history and humor in this accessible young biography series. Dolley Madison had a strong will and unique personality that made her one of the most memorable First Ladies. From hosting parties for Washington D.C.'s social and political elite to saving a portrait of George Washington before the British burned down the White House in the War of 1812, Dolley did it all!

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Gr 1-4 "History and humor blend in this new series that covers women whose lives have shaped the United States. The taglines included on the covers provide clues about each individual's contribution. In Dolley Madison, Krull covers the First Lady's popular "Wednesday Nights," formal dinners at the White House ("Parties can be patriotic"), which gave guests the opportunity to

socialize and network. Sacajawea details Lewis and Clark's guide's knowledge of languages and the Northwest, which ensured the success of the expedition ("Lewis and Clark would be lost without me"). Sonia Sotomayor stresses the Supreme Court justice's lifelong commitment to making the right choices ("I'll be the judge of that") and working hard to overcome challenges and meet goals. Judy Blume describes the acclaimed author's commitment to writing honestly and realistically ("Are you there, reader? It's me, Judy!"), which has made her the target of censorship. An upbeat tone runs through these books, and Krull's language is accessible, occasionally making use of the vernacular, such as describing Sotomayor as being "jazzed" about a scholarship or referring to the Founding Fathers as "FF." Sacajawea's story has a guide for accurate name pronunciation, and there's an extensive further reading list, but quotes are unsourced. Several picture books and collected biographies about women are available, including some by Krull, but there hasn't been a series of individual books about women for this grade level since Blackbirch's "Library of Famous Women" and "Library of Famous Women Juniors." Interior color illustrations, executed by different illustrators and in different styles, further enhance these titles. VERDICT Visually appealing, with quality information, these books are ideal offerings for most collections.â "Sharon M. Lawler, formerly of Randolph Elementary, Randolph AFB, TX --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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â •School Library Journalâ œSmart and animated. . . [Y]oung readers will come away properly inspired by the examples of these admirable rule-breakers. The author of the justly renowned What the Neighbors Thought series digs a little deeper with these equally engaging single volumes.â •  
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My 4th grade daughter need a book about Dolley Madison for a report. All of the children's books that I found were for younger kids. This was perfect for a 3-5th grader. Provided a lot of information about Dolley Madison.

Summary: When Dolley Madison died, her funeral was the largest ever seen in Washington, D.C. at that time. It closed down the government, because so many people wanted to attend, including some of the twelve U.S. presidents she had known in her lifetime. After a simple Quaker childhood and an arranged first marriage, Dolley, a widow at age 25, married James Madison, who later became the fourth U.S. President. Dolley threw large parties every week, redecorated the White

House, and famously rescued the portrait of George Washington just hours before the British burned down the White House during the War of 1812. When Zachary Taylor referred to her as the First Lady, he coined a term that Dolley defined during her long, eventful life. Ages 7-10.Pros: Veteran biographer Kathleen Krull has a new series, "Women Who Broke the Rules". This entry is fun, breezy, and informative. At 46 pages, with illustrations on almost every page, it's just the right length to give an enticing introduction to the life of a famous woman.Cons: The Quakers are not portrayed as awesomely as they could have been.

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