

USA Mission Experience 2019
Suggested Reading list

The Burned-Over District, The Social and Intellectual History of Enthusiastic Religion in Western New York, 1800-1850

By Whitney R. Cross

Charles Finney, early Presbyterian evangelist, described the western part of New York as the "Burned-over District." As a fire sweeps over a forest, many religious movements swept across the area in the early 1800s. This is an in-depth study of the various religious and social movements in the first half of the 19th century which later became the forces behind the temperance movement, abolition, and women's suffrage.

Haven: The Dramatic Story of 1,000 World War 1/ Refugees and How They Came to America

By Ruth Gruber

In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt invited almost 1000 European Jewish refugees to seek asylum at Fort Ontario. Ruth Gruber volunteered to accompany the refugees on their dangerous voyage, knowing they would be dodging Nazi fire and possible capture. This book reveals life under Nazi prosecution, the selection process to come to the States, travel to the fort, their welcome and stay in Oswego, and their fight to remain here after the war.

Born Criminal- Matilda Joslyn Gage, Radical Suffragist

By Angelica Shirley Carpenter

This book "fills in the history of an activist erased from history" and is an inspirational portrait of a woman who never gave up the fight for equality.

Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom

By Catherine Clinton

Celebrated for her courageous exploits as a conductor on the Underground Railroad, Harriet Tubman has entered history as one of nineteenth-century America's most enduring and important figures. But just who was this remarkable woman? This biography, widely praised for its impeccable research and its compelling narrative, reveals Tubman as a complex character, a woman who defied simple categorization.

Seneca Falls and the Origins of Women's Rights Movement

By Sally G. McMillen

In Seneca Falls, New York, over the course of two days in July, 1848, a small group of women and men, led by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott, held a convention that would launch the women's rights movement and change the course of history. This book reveals the significance of that revolutionary convention and covers 50 years of women's activism, from 1840 to 1890, focusing on four extraordinary figures--Mott, Stanton, Lucy Stone, and Susan B. Anthony.

Sisters in Spirit: Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Influence on Early American Feminists

by Sally Roesch Wagner

Recounts the influence of the Iroquois model of freedom on women's early struggle for freedom and equality in the United States. The revolutionary changes unleashed by the Iroquois-to-feminist relationship continue to shape our lives today.