HAPPY SAINT PATRICK’S DAY! I am all dressed up and no where to go. Please stay safe through this pandemic. I know it is hard to do but STAY PUT!

Our Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) honorary education society gives clubwomen direction in planned reading for self-enrichment and personal growth. With that in mind, this month, in honor of Women’s History Month and the Centennial of Women’s Suffrage, I am recommending Votes for Women: American Suffragists and the Battle for the Ballot. This book is a Young Adult book, so it’s an easier read than some histories, but still quite comprehensive. I read this book and it contains photographic illustrations, a timeline, and a bibliography. I found it far more interesting and easier to read than others I have read on this subject.

I chose a Young Adult book to encourage clubs to give the book to Juniorettes, give out along with existing youth and educational scholarships, and purchase copies for local school and public libraries.

It may be purchased from Amazon in hardcover, paperback, Kindle, and audio book, each for under $20.00.

The following is an Amazon review:

“For nearly 150 years, American women did not have the right to vote. On August 18, 1920, they won that right, when the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified at last. To achieve that victory, some of the fiercest, most passionate women in history marched, protested, and sometimes even broke the law—for more than eight decades.

From Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who founded the suffrage movement at the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention, to Sojourner Truth and her famous “Ain’t I a Woman?” speech, to Alice Paul, arrested and force-fed in prison, this is the story of the American women’s suffrage movement and the private lives that fueled its leaders’ dedication. Votes for Women! explores suffragists’ often powerful, sometimes difficult relationship with the intersecting temperance and abolition campaigns, and includes an unflinching look at some of the uglier moments in women’s fight for the vote.”

This is a great read!
I have discovered another book distribution website. **First Book** is a non-profit social enterprise that provides new books and education resources, for free and at low cost, to schools and program serving children in need, ages 0-18. Their purpose is to enable all children to have access to resources they need to be successful in school and in life. The following entities are qualified to enroll in **First Book**:

- Head Start
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- Federally qualified health center
- Title VII recipient
- Military family support program
- Library with an E-rate of 90
- A program primarily serving children with disabilities
- A program where at least 70% of children come from low income families.

This information is from the **First Book Marketplace**. For more information go to [firstbook.org](http://firstbook.org).

State Award entries are arriving daily! I am SO EXCITED!! I begin reading on Monday. Thank you everyone and GOOD LUCK!

As always, if you have any questions and comments you may contact me below:

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