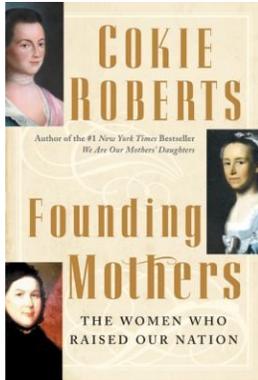


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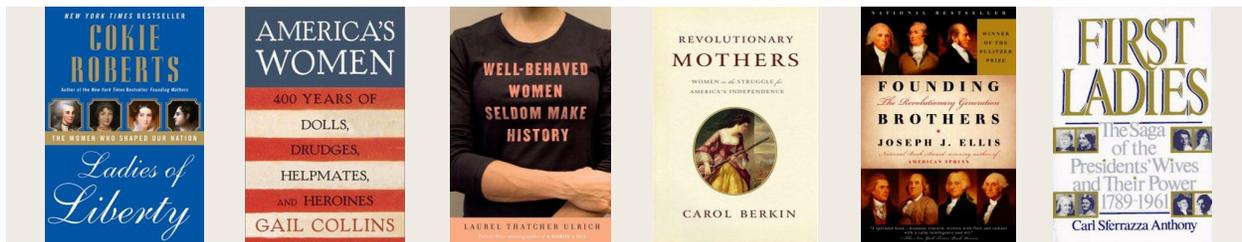
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Biography:



Cokie Roberts, received the nickname "Cokie" from her brother, who could not pronounce "Corinne". She is the third child of former ambassador and long-time Democratic Congresswoman Lindy Boggs and the late Hale Boggs, also a Democratic Congressman who was Majority Leader of the House of Representatives. She graduated from Wellesley College in 1964 with a BA in Political Science. Cokie serves as a senior news analyst for NPR, where she has been the congressional correspondent for more than 10 years. She is also a political commentator for ABC News, serving as an on-air analyst for the network. She covered politics, Congress and public policy, reporting for *World News Tonight* and other ABC News broadcasts. Roberts has won numerous awards and is the author of *We Are Our Mother's Daughters* as well as *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation*. She has been married to Steven V. Roberts, a professor and fellow journalist, since 1966. She and her husband have two children, and six grandchildren. (Adapted from Wikipedia)

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Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you suppose the contributions of women in the Revolutionary era have been largely overlooked by historians? Would the founding of the nation have occurred without these women?
2. Which woman would you say had the single greatest impact during the Revolution? How about during the first years of the new government?
3. Despite a lack of legal and social rights, including the right to own property and receive a formal education, how did the women presented in *Founding Mothers* assert their authority and exercise their intelligence?
4. How did life differ for women depending on where they lived—the North versus the South, the city versus rural areas? How else did geographical circumstances impact their lives?
5. Were you surprised that women often accompanied their husbands to army camps during the war? How did these three women in particular contribute to the often harsh life of a military camp and foster the war efforts?
6. Did you learn anything new about these men, including Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, John Adams, and Alexander Hamilton, seeing them from the perspective of their female contemporaries?
7. How did Martha Washington define the role of First Lady? Are her influences still evident today? Her political savvy was remarkable, but is there anything that can be learned from Martha Washington on a personal level?
8. Cokie Roberts intersperses her thoughts and commentary throughout the book. Does this enhance the narrative? In what ways? (*Questions issued by publisher.*)