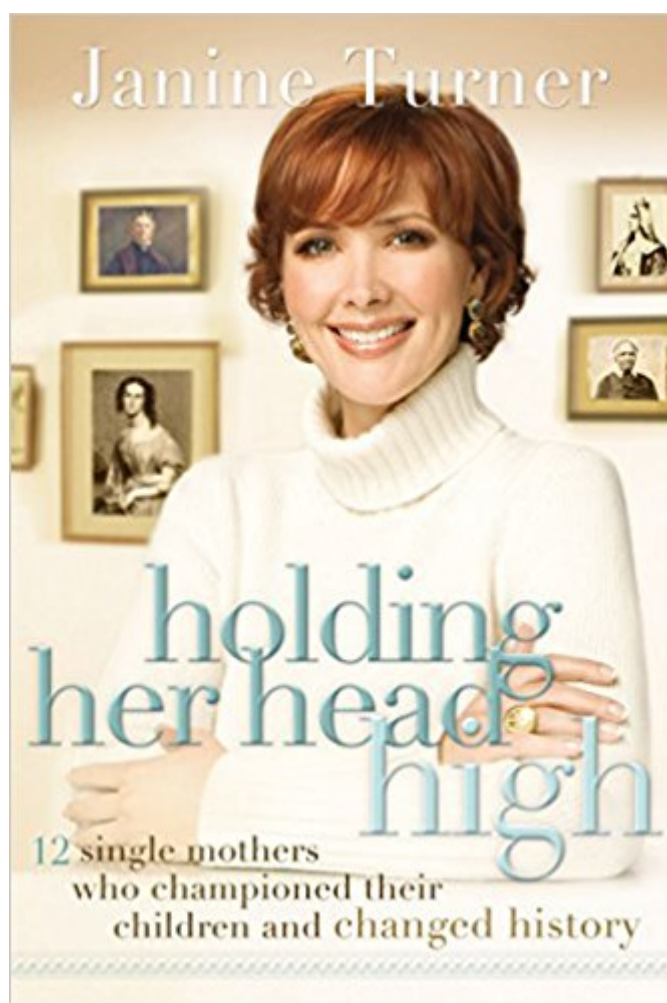


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# Holding Her Head High: 12 Single Mothers Who Championed Their Children And Changed History



## Synopsis

Life lessons from single mothers throughout history form the inspiration for single mothers today. Single moms are not just a product of our modern culture. There have been single mothers throughout history, women who have raised not only their children but also nations with a higher vision for life. *Holding Her Head High* recounts stories of twelve such women from the third to the twenty-first centuries, women who found ways to twist their fates to represent God's destiny for their lives. These uniquely powerful, brave women, within the scope of their own world and times, are like the ninety-nine percent of single mothers today who never intended to carry that distinction. They are abandoned, widowed, or divorced, all carrying wounds, yet they also all found ways to exhibit courage, kindness, dignity, and faith to heal themselves by healing others. Actress Janine Turner, herself a single mother, describes the social implications for women and children from the Roman Empire through the Middle Ages to Pioneer days, including a single mother of slavery. Stories from women like Rachel Lavein Fawcett, abandoned single mother of Alexander Hamilton; Abigail Adams, a wartime widow; Harriet Jacobs, an unwed mother of slavery whose autobiography was published the year the Civil War began; and widowed Belva Lockwood, the first woman to officially run for President, all carrying wounds but all offering insight, wisdom, and encouragement. Lessons include: Listen for God's higher calling Hold your head high Dare to dream Champion your children Heal with humor Don't Give Up Before the Miracle

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## Customer Reviews

Television actor and movie star turned author Janine Turner offers a great read on single

motherhood's historical struggles in "Holding Her Head High" (2008 332-page hardback). These well researched (with 7 pages of end notes) vignettes cause one to pause and reflect on the plight of single mothers. Her stories are visionary vignettes. Stepping from her own experience of similar circumstances, Turner walks across history from the 3rd into the 20th century telling the stories of 12 women raising children without spouses. She adroitly presents Helena (mother of Roman emperor Constantine), Blanche of Castile (queen mother of medieval France), Eliza Pinckney (mother of two 18th century American statesmen), Abigail Adams (mother of an American President), Belva Lockwood (mother who ran for President) to name only a few. Each of these stories is gripping and thought provoking. My favorite chapter relates Cara Brown's life-long search for daughter Eliza Jane after their heartless forced separation by a pre Civil War slave sale. (By chapter 16's end, I was tearing up and cheering, "You Go Girl, Get Up and Run!"). Turner's style is comfortable and persuasive. Her single mothers come alive with personality, strength, and vision. They love their children and work the near impossible to succeed. You'll want to stand along-side them with each hardship, through each mishap, during each celebration. The author draws on her own religious background and Christian faith for interpreting each single mom's trouble. By the end, Turner is correctly able to say that single parenthood is a dramatic gift from God (given to those with the personal courage and faith to see it through). This book is an excellent gift candidate, particularly for those wanting to know how others overcame adversity through faith, hope, and love. Once again, Janine Turner proves that she is much more than just another pretty Texan! HAPPY ADVENT!

Even though I'm not a mother I liked it and I loved all the characters

Janine Turner's book is a great motivator not only for mothers raising children alone, but for single fathers, as well. This book neither condemns nor advocates single motherhood, but offers inspiration and insight for those who find themselves in the difficult life circumstance of raising their children alone. The uniqueness of this book is in its revelation of single mothers (divorced, abandoned, unwed or widowed) in historical context. This is not a modern phenomenon. Bringing to light the stories of these extraordinary women spanning 18 centuries who raised their children alone while also changing the course of history provide invaluable role models for today's single parents.

This is a good read from a smart, sweet Lady. Just finished first chapter about Constantine and his mother Helena; this will open your eyes to what even the "OLD SCHOOLS" never taught. Don't let

that INSATIABLY beautiful face fool you ; LADY is intelligent & dun her work well !! documentation is in there . a bit larger book than expected , i'm not a big reader so will be while before i finish . staring at electrical and hydraulic schematics often enuff , books arent always my "Thing" at days end , but this one haz been . your turn , buy and enjoy knowing some of your \$\$ will be going to educate our kids as to our nation's founding ; desperately NEEDED .

Holding Her Head High is an inspirational book that lifts up every mother, single or married, who ever felt alone and challenged by circumstances beyond her control. Janine Turner, herself a single mother, reaches back through time to bring us well researched, intimate portraits of 12 amazing women who lovingly raised their children through faith and determination, and who "found their wings" along the way, changing history! Janine intersperses their stories with life lessons from each, and her personal observations of life as a single mother. This book will make a wonderful Mother's Day gift for any mother, and its historical accounts are just in time for Women's History Month in March! I suggest you buy at least two - one for yourself and one to give away!

If I could give it zero stars, I would. This book is about far right Christian bible thumping, not admirable single mothers. Poorly researched, poorly written, and 100% falsely advertised. Saying this book is an inspirational book for single moms is like saying Fifty Shades of Grey is a love story for 12 year old girls.

"Holding Her Head High" by Janine Turner is a fascinating study of single women through history and how they overcame their respective trials and tribulations and turned them into triumphs. Through the eyes of Turner, 12 women most of us have never heard of come to life. Even though I am not a mother, I found this book inspirational and surprisingly significant. Whatever we may face, God helps those who help themselves! He gives us the strength to overcome. This book is a gift of encouragement and recognition. Give it as a gift; keep a present for yourself as well!

This book is very inspiring for a single mom such as myself. It was just what I needed when I was down.

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