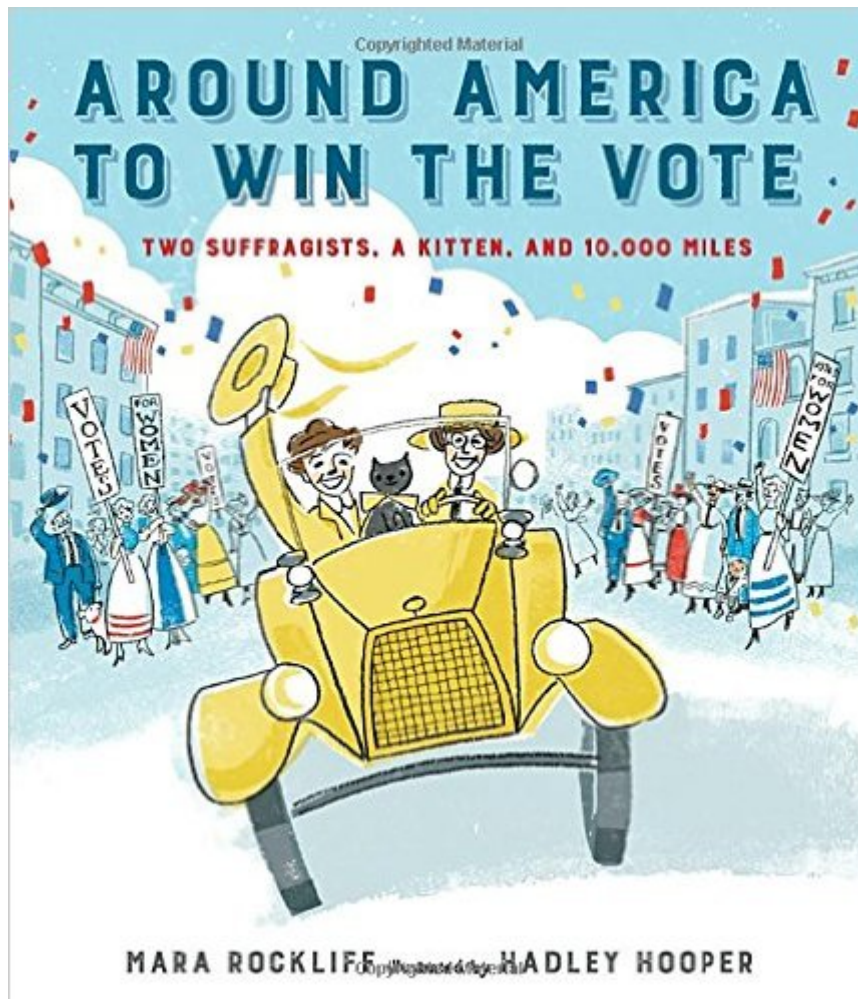


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# Around America To Win The Vote: Two Suffragists, A Kitten, And 10,000 Miles



## Synopsis

The author of *Mesmerized* delivers another fascinating glimpse into history, this time the story of two brave suffragists on a trek across America to spread the word: Votes for Women! In April 1916, Nell Richardson and Alice Burke set out from New York City in a little yellow car, embarking on a bumpy, muddy, unmapped journey ten thousand miles long. They took with them a teeny typewriter, a tiny sewing machine, a wee black kitten, and a message for Americans all across the country: Votes for Women! The women's suffrage movement was in full swing, and Nell and Alice would not let anything keep them from spreading the word about equal voting rights for women. Braving blizzards, deserts, and naysayers—not to mention a whole lot of tires stuck in the mud—the two courageous friends made their way through the cities and towns of America to further their cause. One hundred years after Nell and Alice set off on their trip, Mara Rockliff revives their spirit in a lively and whimsical picture book, with exuberant illustrations by Hadley Hooper bringing their inspiring historical trek to life.

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This is the kind of book you can read aloud to students across the grades and then ask questions that vary in complexity depending on the age of the students. The writing flows and lends itself to reading aloud. Student partners might also delve into this book - reading and then rereading and

discussing. Text-dependent questions might vary from "How did Nell and Alice reveal their determination?" and "Why do you think the author chose to tell this particular story about these particular suffragists?" For older students, the author's notes at the end are worth reading and rereading and might serve to launch additional research. This book could easily be a part of a "women who changed the world" or "strong women activists" unit and be read with books like "Miss Moore Thought Otherwise: How Anne Carroll Moore Created Libraries for Children" and "Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors: The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell" and "Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa." Lots of classroom potential.

Timely, lively and true this is the story of Nell Richardson and Alice Burke who took a five month, 10,000 mile journey to draw attention to women's voting rights. They left New York in 1916 in a yellow Saxon runabout toting a tiny typewriter, an equally small sewing machine, and a wee black kitten with a yellow ribbon tied around his neck (yellow being the suffrage movement's signature color). The women travel south and then west, across Texas to California. A double page map charts their extraordinary journey. Happenings in their travel are drawn from contemporary newspaper accounts - such as a daunting blizzard, dodging bullets at the Mexican border, joining a circus parade in Georgia, pushing their stuck car out of the mud and more. All are a tribute to the stamina and perseverance of these women. Hadley Hooper's sun-washed illustrations perfectly capture the adventure and time with not only the dress but locations and events. *While Around America To Win the Vote* is recommended for 5 to 8 year olds parents will also find it fascinating. Highly recommended!

*AROUND AMERICA TO WIN THE VOTE* by Mara Rockliff tells the true story of two women and a kitten who set out on a 10,000 journey to promote a women's right to vote. In 1916, Nell Richardson and Alice Burke departed New York City on a journey across America. Their cross country crusade was intended to show that women could do anything and should have the right to vote. The book concludes with background information, source notes, and a bibliography. Librarians will find this compelling story useful for teachers introducing the idea of the women's movement to young history students. To learn more about the author, go to [...] Published by Candlewick on August 2, 2016. ARC courtesy of the publisher.

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