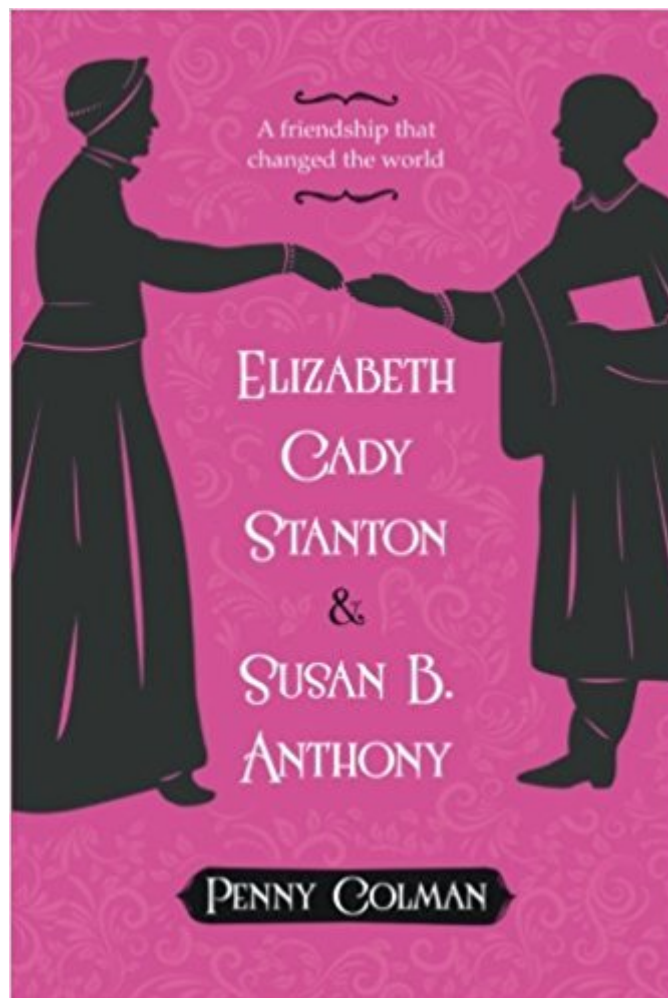




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Synopsis

In the Spring of 1851 two women met on a street corner in Seneca Falls, New York—Elizabeth Cady Stanton, a thirty-five year old mother of four boys, and Susan B. Anthony, a thirty-one year old, unmarried, former school teacher. Immediately drawn to each other, they formed an everlasting and legendary friendship. Together they challenged entrenched beliefs, customs, and laws that oppressed women and spearheaded the fight to gain legal rights, including the right to vote despite fierce opposition, daunting conditions, scandalous entanglements and betrayal by their friends and allies. Weaving events, quotations, personalities, and commentary into a page-turning narrative, Penny Colman tells this compelling story and vividly portrays the friendship between Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, a friendship that changed history.

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Penny Colman is the author of many award-winning nonfiction books for young readers, including

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a little long, but so important to know who has gone before us and who has led battles for us.

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This was a very interesting, enlightening book about incredible women! I read this book during the 2016 elections, which made it even more meaningful to me!

It was the perfect resource needed for my Core Humanities essay. The two women are inspiring and fascinating, I highly recommend this book!

A valuable history concerning the original fight for women's rights, leading to many organizations for women and children, and the eventual fight for the right to vote. Some sentences are long. A good history about very diligent and brave women.

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Even in their early years, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony understood that American society considered girls and women to be second-class citizens. As they each grew older, Elizabeth and Susan grew more frustrated with the fact that women could not claim ownership of property or the money they earned, they faced barriers at the colleges that men attended, they were denied the right to vote, and the primary aspiration assigned to them by social norms was to stay home to take care of their husbands and children. Elizabeth and Susan both realized that the most effective way to change women's inferior status and to reform the existing laws was to grant women the right to vote. Elizabeth and Susan first met each other in the spring of 1851 in Seneca Falls, NY, soon after the first American women's rights convention 1848, also held in Seneca Falls. Convention participants had signed a document known as the Declaration of Rights and Sentiments, which called for a broad range of social, economic, legal, and political reforms to improve the status of women. The demand for women's suffrage proved to be the most controversial of the proposed

reforms, and Elizabeth and Susan worked the rest of their lives advocating for women's right to vote. With its thorough background research using a variety of sources, this historical narrative provides readers with a closer look at the role that Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony played in improving the lives of American women. Along the way, the book covers several important concepts in economics related to the economics of gender, discrimination, property rights, jobs, and the allocation of resources and labor within the household. Although there are numerous biographical accounts of both these women, this book is one of the few that weaves their stories together in a way that will engage with middle grade and young adult readers.

Anyone who wants to learn about these two famous pioneers of woman's suffrage doesn't have to go any further than Ms. Colman's outstanding description of Ms. Anthony and Mrs. Stanton in her latest book. I enjoyed the way the author, in the early part of her book, paid separate attention to each of these two women, showing how different they were in some respects and alike in others. Then, after Ms. Anthony and Mrs. Stanton finally meet, the author describes how their differences meshed--how Susan B. Anthony, the forceful speaker, needed Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the creative writer, to work as a team fighting the harsh resistance that came their way. Ms. Colman's attention to detail was something that impressed me--such as how Mrs. Stanton, asleep outside of a carriage in Kansas, was awakened by pigs who used the iron steps of the carriage as scratching posts. Or, how Susan had read 44 love sonnets by Elizabeth Barrett Browning. As an author who had done considerable research on women's suffrage, I found history books on the subject tend to be rather drawn-out, too verbose, and, frankly, quite boring. Not so with Ms. Colman's book. This is a wonderful read, and I heartily recommend it.

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