

Powered On: Uncovering the Unseen History of Women in Computing

Prepare to embark on an extraordinary journey through the annals of computing, a realm traditionally dominated by men, where women faced countless barriers and yet persisted with unwavering determination. In "Powered On," award-winning author Deirdre Fay unveils the captivating stories of these pioneering women, shedding light on their remarkable contributions that shaped the very foundation of our digital world.



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A Tapestry of Trailblazing Women

From the dawn of computing in the 19th century to the cutting-edge innovations of the present day, women have played an instrumental role, often working behind the scenes, their contributions often overlooked or diminished. "Powered On" brings these hidden figures to the forefront, weaving together a vibrant tapestry of their lives and achievements.

Meet Ada Lovelace, the visionary daughter of Lord Byron, who wrote the world's first computer program in the 1840s. Discover the remarkable story of Grace Hopper, the brilliant mathematician who coined the term "computer bug" and developed the first compiler. Learn about Joan Clarke, the codebreaker at Bletchley Park whose work played a pivotal role in cracking the German Enigma code during World War II.

The Bletchley Park Enigma and the Women Who Cracked It

Delve into the captivating world of Bletchley Park, the secret British codebreaking facility where women like Joan Clarke and Mavis Batey made invaluable contributions to the war effort. Their meticulous work, shrouded in secrecy, helped turn the tide of the war and save countless lives.

Explore the ingenious methods these women employed to break the intricate Enigma code, using their mathematical prowess and unwavering determination. Witness the extraordinary bond they forged in the face of adversity, proving that even in the most challenging times, women's minds could shatter the boundaries of what was considered possible.

From ENIAC to UNIVAC: Pioneers of the Digital Age

As the world entered the computer age, women continued to push the boundaries of innovation. Join Betty Snyder and Ruth Teitelbaum as they work on the ENIAC, the first electronic general-purpose computer. Follow Grace Hopper as she leads the development of the first compiler for a commercial computer, the UNIVAC I.

Through these stories, "Powered On" illuminates the challenges these women faced as they navigated a male-dominated field. Their tenacity and

brilliance paved the way for future generations, inspiring countless women to pursue careers in computing and technology.

Women in the Space Race and Beyond

The space race ignited a new era of technological advancement, and women were once again at the forefront of these extraordinary endeavors. Meet Margaret Hamilton, the software engineer who led the team that developed the software for the Apollo missions, enabling humans to walk on the moon.

In the decades that followed, women made significant contributions to the development of the internet, personal computers, and artificial intelligence. "Powered On" celebrates these modern-day pioneers, highlighting their groundbreaking work and the impact they continue to make on the world of computing.

A Call to Action: Empowering Women in STEM

By shedding light on the hidden history of women in computing, "Powered On" serves as a clarion call for empowering women and girls in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields. The stories of these trailblazing women serve as inspiration and a reminder that women have always been a vital part of the computing narrative.

The book calls for a concerted effort to break down barriers, challenge stereotypes, and create an inclusive environment where women can thrive in STEM. By celebrating the contributions of women in computing, we not only honor their achievements but also pave the way for a more diverse and equitable future for technology.

: Women Powering the Digital Revolution

"Powered On" is an indispensable read for anyone interested in the history of computing, women's history, or the intersection of technology and society. Deirdre Fay's captivating storytelling and meticulous research bring to life the extraordinary women who have shaped our digital world.

Through their inspiring stories, "Powered On" challenges the traditional narrative of computing and celebrates the power of diversity and inclusion. The book serves as a testament to the transformative impact of women in STEM and empowers readers to advocate for a future where all voices are heard and all contributions are valued.

Embrace the legacy of these pioneering women by immersing yourself in the pages of "Powered On." Join the movement to empower women in STEM and ignite a passion for innovation that will inspire generations to come.



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