



Elizabeth Started All of the Trouble

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Book Description

Elementary | Biography

This biographical picture book written by award-winning author, Doreen Rappaport, portrays Elizabeth Cady Stanton's role in both abolitionism and the women's suffrage movement and serves as a solid introduction to the fight for women's rights. Organized chronologically, the book presents brief details about many of the events, protests, trials, and jail sentences, as well as how women eventually gained the right to vote.

Discussion Questions

- Who inspires you to make changes in your life? Why are they inspirational to you?
- Identify an idea that you really care about. How can you encourage others to feel passionately about that idea, too?
- How can you stand up to injustice in your own life?
- Elizabeth and the other suffragists had to change the rules to be successful in gaining women the right to vote. What's the difference between breaking rules and changing them? Why was changing the rules entirely the only way to success for the suffragists?

Utah Connection

Charlotte Godbe Kirby was one of the first people to speak about women's suffrage and rights in the Utah Territory. She was a woman of strong opinions who shared them openly. Even though many Mormon suffragists excluded Charlotte after her polygamous husband was excommunicated from the LDS Church (she would later divorced him), she was well known within the national suffrage movement, associated with many national leaders, and considered herself the leading spokesperson of Utah women's concerns. She was selected by the National Woman Suffrage Association to speak to a U.S. Congress committee about women's suffrage and spoke to thousands of suffragists in Boston's Fremont Temple.



Charlotte Godbe Kirby. Courtesy of Utah State Historical Society.