

Author Releases Biography Honoring the Legacy of Women's Rights Champion

A tribute to a lesser known feminist and suffragist

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Quoting Matilda

The Words and History Of A Forgotten Suffragist

Pittsburg, May 28, 2019 (IssueWire.com) - Susan Savion's [Quoting Matilda: The Words and History of a Forgotten Suffragist](#) is a powerful and inspiring book highlighting the achievements and contributions of unheralded activist and feminist Matilda Joslyn Gage.

In this collection of quotes organized by subject, the author pays tribute to Gage, an unsung suffragist, abolitionist, and feminist intellectual of the 19th century who spent a lifetime trying to make a difference by speaking out on women's issues. The author aims to enlighten readers about Gage's forgotten advocacy through historical references, biographical details, and over 30 photographs. She reintroduces her as a champion who fought for women's and Native American rights and was a strong influence on her son-in-law L. Frank Baum's Oz books. An activist and feminist herself, Susan encourages women to follow Gage's example and act on the abuses committed by men, the church, and the government.

Susan's work will be exhibited at the BookExpo + BookCon 2019, to be held at the Jacob Javits Center, New York City, this coming May 29 to 31 and June 1 and 2, 2019, at the Authors Press Booth # 1667. To get the latest update on authors, like and follow Authors Press on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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Though Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton are well-known historical names, that of Matilda Joselyn Gage usually evokes the response, "Who?" Yet, this amazing woman contributed equally for many years as part of a triumvirate with Anthony and Stanton. Matilda was involved in the women's movement from 1852 until her death in 1865. She became a noted speaker and writer on woman's suffrage. She was born in upstate New York in an abolitionist family. Indeed, her childhood home and her later long-time Greek Revival home (now a museum dedicated to her) in Fayetteville, New York, were both stops on the Underground Railroad. She was best known for her feminist and suffragist activities, but she was "written out of history" for many years, because she was considered by her peers to be too radical in all she proposed to accomplish. Inspired by the Haudenosaunee women who were her neighbors and who adopted her into their Mohawk wolf clan, she was determined to gain the rights of property ownership, governance and equality of power for her 19th century sisterhood. She fought for the rights of Native Americans and enslaved persons and anyone else impacted by government control. She had a life-long desire for justice and equality for all and was connected to the ideas of Theosophy and Unitarianism. This moved her to take on the inequality of women in religious institutions, which deemed her in the eyes of her contemporaries as too radical. Along with Stanton, Gage published *The Woman's Bible*. Her book, *Women, Church and State* was deemed as "going too far" by many. She championed women inventors and was the inspiration behind her son-in-law L. Frank Baum's 14 Oz. books. You will find her immensely quotable!



For most of her life, Ms. Savion has been a teacher. She grew up on a farm near Highland, Illinois, a large Swiss settlement. Besides teaching many years as a reading specialist, in addition she was a gymnastics judge for a decade.

"... I now use it as reference book when I am looking for a quote on a particular topic. Susan Savion's interpretation of Matilda's thinking on, oh, so many topics...from slavery to reproductive rights to religion and more...are most informative and generate lively exchange of ideas..."

Cindy Gorham-Crevelling

"After reading *Quoting Matilda*, I decided to give these books as gifts to family and friends."

Joanne Verone

"Matilda Joselyn Gage had some very interesting things to say, and for anyone who wants quick insight into her views on many topics, this is the perfect book. It is well-written, and truly enhances a deep understanding of the issues of the women's rights movement, along with Gage's general views on life. I found the book refreshing and inspiring, and I gave copies to my sister, my daughter, and my grand-daughter."

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