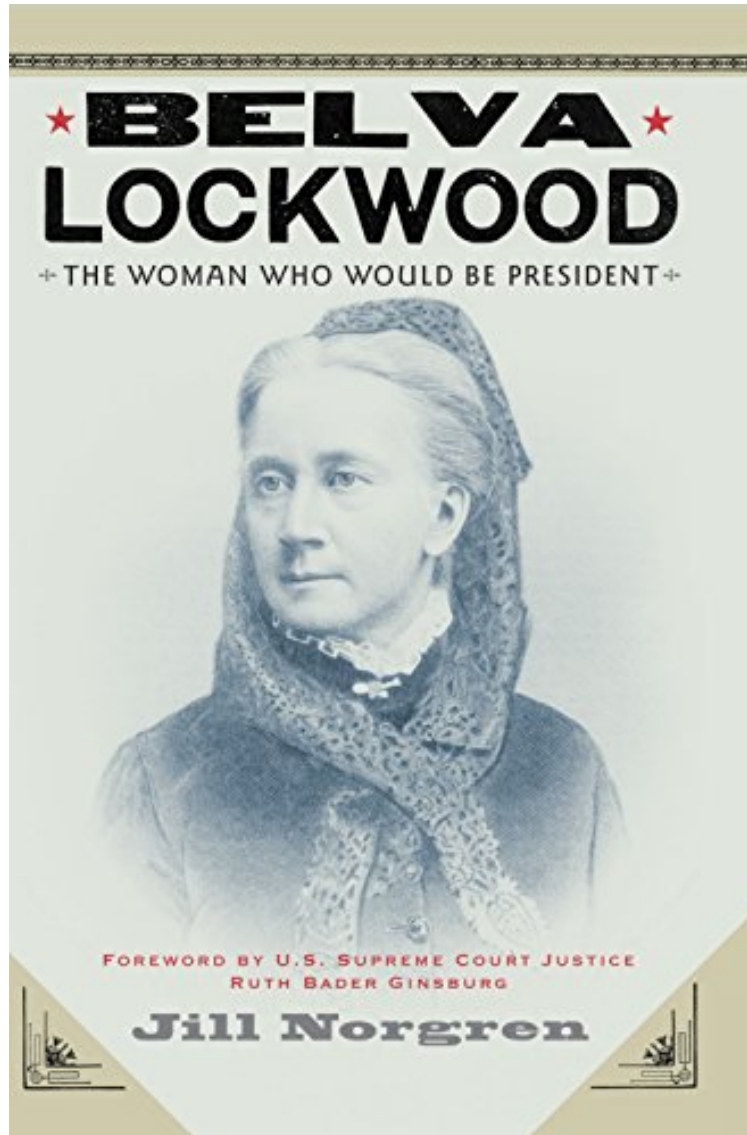


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Jill Norgren : Belva Lockwood: The Woman Who Would Be President before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Belva Lockwood: The Woman Who Would Be President:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Lockwood: Too Often in the Shadows By winkler Jill Norgren writes an illuminating biography of Belva Lockwood, who is too often cast aside in first-wave feminist discourse. The book is not, however, written from a feminist standpoint. Norgren even claims that Lockwood desired to live a "life of a great man" (4). While I would prefer to think she desired to live a life of a "great woman," the book clearly indicates

that Lockwood had an intrinsic tenacity to achieve more in life than what was expected of women in late nineteenth and early twentieth century America. Norgren's biography is an easy to read story of a great woman, mother, activist, lawyer, politician, and lobbyist who steps outside the normative gender roles of her day to challenge the status-quo, and even more so, a woman whose efforts and actions have had a lasting impact on the practice of law, equitable treatment of women within education, employment, and politics. In addition to highlighting her journey to practice law and provide herself an equitable income (to that of men), Norgren also details Lockwood's conflicts with various early women's movements and their most notable leaders such as Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Because of these conflicts, a reader can surmise why Lockwood is commonly not at the forefront of discourse concerning the early women's movement. Let one forget, however, that these were often middle-upper class white women movements that were not always characterized as altruistically seeking holistic equality for all marginalized identities. So Lockwood's absence in the common discussions surrounding the early movements is neither surprising nor condemning. Overall, the biography paints a thorough picture of Lockwood's life and is a worthwhile read for academics as well as for anyone interested in progressive era history, the practice of law, and/or women's studies. The book is also an excellent (and easily readable) work for those who seek to find encouragement and motivation in overcoming social, political, and/or economic obstacles in the twenty-first century. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Customer Fascinating story of a little-known woman. Well written. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A true story about an amazing woman. She was way ahead of her time ... By NYLady2A true story about an amazing woman. She was way ahead of her time and we are still fighting some of the same battles for Women such as equal pay and Birth Control. Hard to believe she was doing so in the 1800s. Worth a read especially with a possible run for Hillary.

Foreword by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg In *Belva Lockwood: The Woman Who Would Be President*, prize-winning legal historian Jill Norgren recounts, for the first time, the life story of one of the nineteenth century's most surprising and accomplished advocates for women's rights. As Norgren shows, Lockwood was fearless in confronting the male establishment, commanding the attention of presidents, members of Congress, influential writers, and everyday Americans. Obscured for too long in the historical shadow of her longtime colleague, Susan B. Anthony, Lockwood steps into the limelight at last in this engaging new biography. Born on a farm in upstate New York in 1830, Lockwood married young and reluctantly became a farmer's wife. After her husband's premature death, however, she earned a college degree, became a teacher, and moved to Washington, DC with plans to become an attorney—an occupation all but closed to women. Not only did she become one of the first female attorneys in the U.S., but in 1879 became the first woman ever allowed to practice at the bar of the Supreme Court. In 1884 Lockwood continued her trailblazing ways as the first woman to run a full campaign for the U.S. Presidency. She ran for President again in 1888. Although her candidacies were unsuccessful (as she knew they would be), Lockwood demonstrated that women could compete with men in the political arena. After these campaigns she worked tirelessly on behalf of the Universal Peace Union, hoping, until her death in 1917, that she, or the organization, would win the Nobel Peace Prize. Belva Lockwood deserves to be far better known. As Norgren notes, it is likely that Lockwood would be widely recognized today as a feminist pioneer if most of her personal papers had not been destroyed after her death. Fortunately for readers, Norgren shares much of her subject's tenacity and she has ensured Lockwood's rightful place in history with this meticulously researched and beautifully written book.

From Publishers Weekly Long before Hillary Clinton, there was Belva Lockwood: two-time presidential hopeful, Lockwood campaigned in 1884 and 1888 on a platform of women's suffrage. In the first full-length biography of this feminist pioneer, legal historian Norgren has meticulously researched what little has remained of Lockwood's papers, most of which were destroyed after her death. Lockwood was, in a word, tenacious: one of the first female lawyers in the country, she was the very first woman to be admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar, an episode that Norgren recounts in moving detail. Glimpses of Lockwood's less-heroic side emerge as well, and it's to Norgren's credit that Lockwood's controversial views on Mormons, Native Americans and freed slaves are placed in their proper historical context, but aren't necessarily forgiven. Indeed, fights with other suffragists and a seemingly inexhaustible well of self-regard are featured alongside Lockwood's many strengths and accomplishments. Norgren never reaches beyond the facts of the record, rarely speculating on Lockwood's intentions, thoughts or purpose—a plus for those who like their biography embellishment-free, but a definite minus for more casual readers, who may find Lockwood too distant to rouse sympathy. Illustrations. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Norgren has written an engrossing and insightful book about Belva Lockwood, a woman who, through tenacity, drive and self-worth, accomplished more in the 19th century than many modern women accomplish. Because Lockwood was known to few and most of her personal papers were destroyed after her death, Norgren has done an exemplary job of illuminating the life of this varied and accomplished woman. —The Law and Politics Book Norgren eloquently and succinctly educates the reader on the story of the first woman to ever be allowed to argue before the United States Supreme Court, as well as the first woman to ever launch two full-scale bids for this country's presidency

. . . Norgrens writing is engaging and her narrative is accessible yet rich with fact.-Feminist An engaging account of Belva Lockwoods struggles and achievements as one of the first women to enter the legal profession in the United States in the late 19th century.-Canadian Journal of Law and SocietyExceptionally well-researched. Norgrens contribution is to situate Lockwood among a generation of female activists. Norgren is successful in moving the woman who would be president to her proper standing as a pioneering lawyer who would change America.-Jean Baker,American Historical For those interested in U.S. womens history or the nineteenth-century practice of law, Norgens work is a must.-Law and History About the AuthorJill Norgren is Professor Emerita of Political Science at John Jay College, and the Graduate Center of The City University of New York. She is the award winning author of many articles and books, includingBelva Lockwood: The Woman Who Would Be President(NYU Press, 2007);The Cherokee Cases; and American Cultural Pluralism and Law(with Serena Nanda).