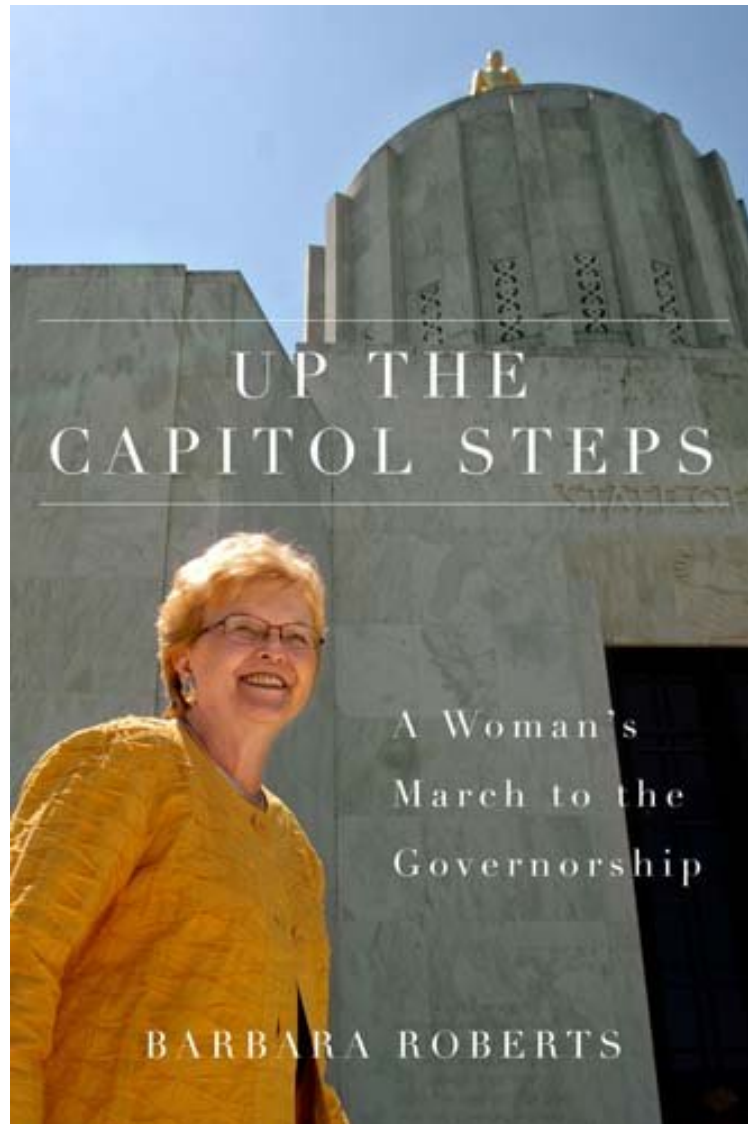


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Barbara Roberts : Up the Capitol Steps: A Woman's March to the Governorship (Women and Politics in the Pacific Northwest) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Up the Capitol Steps: A Woman's March to the Governorship (Women and Politics in the Pacific Northwest):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Kuddos to a Wonderful Woman, Politician, and Mother By Zora

Belle Roley Barbara Roberts, a fourth generation Oregonian, has written a necessary book for all Oregonians. Her rise in politics in Oregon is unprecedented. As a champion of all people, especially the middle class and women, she has my deepest admiration. Reading her book is a unique look into her life and into Oregon's past and future in government. In my opinion this book deserves a place on a high school syllabus in Oregon history and is a high priority for required reading in a college women's study class. Reading Barbara's book is knowing her from her love of family, devotion to her children, and to the place every girl and woman deserve in our culture. As a native Oregon who has met Barbara I cherish her example for work ethic, knowledge, and canny political savvy. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Fascinating Read By Kate Burns Barbara Roberts writes in an engaging style. This is definitely NOT a struggle to read. Even though I lived in Oregon during her years as Secretary of State and Governor, this book provided some significant insights into what she experienced -- both publicly and privately. I think this is a great read for anyone who wants to gain a better understanding of -- the process by which Roberts became Oregon's first female governor -- a politician who's an integral part of Oregon's history and has connections on the national level. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Right next to me. By Harvey Akesson As I read, the Governor was sitting right next to me discussing her life. Glued to my chair for more. Beyond real.

Up the Capitol Steps is a personal and political memoir by Oregon's first (and only) woman governor, one of only 34 women who have served as state chief executives in the history of the United States. Barbara Roberts offers a behind-the-scenes glimpse of a woman's life in politics and aims to "demystify" leadership by telling the story of her own unlikely rise to power. The mother of an autistic child before the advent of special education, Roberts began her life in public service as an advocate for the rights of children with disabilities. She documents her expanding political career from school board member to legislator to Secretary of State and finally, Governor. In this gripping and poignant memoir, hotly contested elections and tough policy decisions are interspersed with intimate details of personal ups and downs. Throughout, Roberts reveals the warmth and humor that show the "real" person behind the politician. Only the third published memoir by a woman head-of-state, Up the Capitol Steps is "a very significant contribution to Oregon history, the history of women in politics, and especially the history of women governors," according to series editor Melody Rose. Roberts' autobiography captures a period of our nation's political history and a view of women's expanding role in government that will bring new understanding to the term, "social revolution."

"Each governor's journey to the state house is unique and each has lessons to be learned by anyone who wants to achieve a goal that is considered a stretch. This is particularly true of women who seek their state's highest office, especially when they are the first in their state to hold that office. Barbara Robert's tale is one that should both encourage and inspire." --Governor Christine Todd Whitman "Roberts shows what it takes to make history--the guts to challenge the past and the passion to make a difference. Her book clearly shows why Barbara Roberts is a winner." -- Ellen Malcolm, Founder of Emily's List About the Author Barbara Roberts was Governor of Oregon from 1991-1995 and Oregon Secretary of State from 1985-1991. She was Director of the State and Local Government Executive Programs at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and held a senior fellowship at the Harvard Women and Public Policy Program. Before her retirement in 2005, she served for five years as Associate Director of Leadership at Portland State University's Hatfield School of Government.