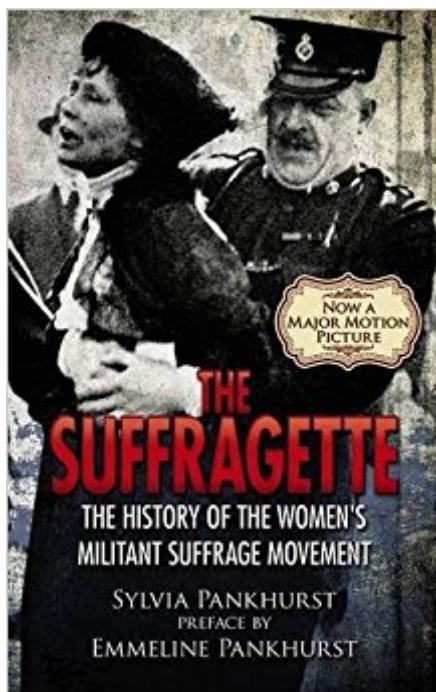


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The Suffragette: The History Of The Women's Militant Suffrage Movement



Synopsis

By 1903, more than fifty years of peaceful campaigning had brought British women no closer to attaining the right to vote. In that year activist Emmeline Pankhurst founded the Women's Social and Political Union, a militant organization dedicated to achieving women's suffrage. The union's motto, "Deeds not words," reflected its radical approach, consisting of stone-throwing, window-breaking, arson, and physical confrontation with authorities. The Suffragette, written by Emmeline Pankhurst's daughter, Sylvia, offers an insider's perspective on the union's growth and development as well as the motives and ideals that inspired its leaders and followers. She chronicles the protesters' tactics as well as the consequences of their actions: arrests, imprisonment, hunger strikes, and the mental and physical ordeals of forced feeding. Vintage photographs illustrate the demonstrations, courtroom trials, and other dramatic incidents from the history of the women's militant suffrage movement.

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Sylvia Pankhurst was a feminist, Communist, and anti-Fascist activist in Great Britain during the period before World War I. She and her mother, Emmeline Pankhurst, and her sister, Christabel Pankhurst, were active in the suffragette movement from 1906 to 1914. Emmeline Pankhurst founded the Women's Franchise League and the Women's Social and Political Union. Time magazine deemed her among the most important figures of the twentieth century, and she is recognized as one of the most influential suffragettes in the United Kingdom and the United States.

She was integral to the militancy of the movement, encouraging vandalism, trespass, and hunger strikes in support of the cause.

Well written account of the fight for women to vote in England. All women should learn about this universal struggle.

Saw movie it was great. Book too confusing to follow. Usually other way around

Emmeline Pankhurst along with many other British women, put women's rights on the map, and were the catalyst for the American suffragette movement. In fact, in the U.S., women have had the right to vote less than 100 years (women finally achieved the right to vote in 1920). Many people think that women have made huge strides in their fight for equality but in fact women only make 77% of what their male counterparts make for the same exact job/position (these statistics are from a White House research study on the gender pay gap completed in 2015). Compare this with the gender pay gap of 70.6% in 1990. So women have made very little headway in the pay gap in the last 25 years. Additionally, women in the U.S. weren't even allowed to own property until 1839 when the Married Women's Property Act was enacted in Maine - it took until 1900 (merely 116 years ago) for all the states to enact the Married Women's Property Act. It is highly worthwhile noting that the bill first introduced in 1923 to add ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) as the 27th amendment to the Constitution has still not passed to this day despite having been reintroduced in 1972 and every year after that from 1982 since it requires 38 states to ratify it, and only 35 states have to date. As Alice Paul stated in 1923 "We shall not be safe until the principle of equal rights is written into the framework of our government." Who are the real terrorists here? Emmeline Pankhurst and many other women protested peacefully for the right for women to vote for decades with no results whatsoever except for patronizing comments by the patriarchal hierarchy. Most women, as many still do today, suffered terribly under oppressive patriarchal societies throughout the centuries. The only way to deal with these men who controlled every single aspect of women's lives, was to present it to them in a manner they could understand - we won't take no for an answer and if you make us go to war, so we will. War, seems to be the only way to get through to men for that is how they have dealt with each other from time immemorial and to this day. Though women aren't perfect, the world would be a far better, kinder, more peaceful place if women ruled the world. A million thank you's to all the women who have fought for women's rights however they had to do it bearing ridicule, beatings, jail, force feeding, losing their children, losing their livelihood even

death, to achieve some level of equality - otherwise, we'd all still be living like the women in other countries where women have no rights - beaten, treated like cattle, and in many countries, female genital mutilation on girls and teenagers not to mention girls are sold into prostitution. I ask again, who are the REAL terrorists here!

In reading this book, I was reminded of how easily it is to revise history. The book portrays suffragettes as heroines who pursued a just and noble cause. The book cherry picks various aspects of the women's suffragette movement as a struggle for "equality" and "rights." The book completely overlooks the fact that "suffragettes" were a violent, racist and misandrist group who sought supremacy based on their gender, without any accountability or responsibilities. The "suffragettes" sought, with violence, to have the right to vote with no corresponding duty to serve in the armed services, accept social responsibilities for the support of their families, or, assume any of the legal responsibilities to society imposed on men. *The Suffragette Bombers: Britain's Forgotten Terrorists* They are, appropriately, remembered in real history as terrorists, not heroines.

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