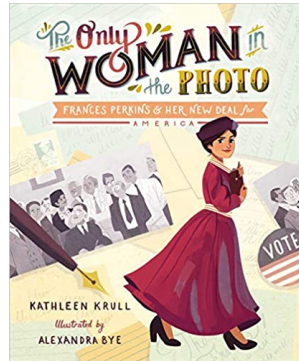




“The Only Woman in the Photo: Frances Perkins & Her New Deal for America” by Kathleen Krull

About *The Only Woman in the Photo*: Most people know about President FDR, but do you know the woman who created his groundbreaking New Deal? As a young girl, Frances Perkins was very shy and quiet. But her grandmother encouraged Frances to always challenge herself. When somebody opens a door to you, go forward. And so she did.



Frances realized she had to make her voice heard, even when speaking made her uncomfortable, and use it to fight injustice and build programs to protect people across the nation. So when newly-elected President Franklin Delano Roosevelt finally asked Frances to be the first female Secretary of Labor and help pull the nation out of the Great Depression, she knew she had to walk through that open door and forward into history.

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Read Aloud Tips:

- Pair this book with various spotlights on empowering, influential, and possibly unfamiliar women in history. Ask students what they perceive the challenges and triumphs involved in assuming roles of such high responsibility.
- Frances Perkins was the first woman to serve in a presidential cabinet. Dedicate time to learn about other monumental women like this. For example, Kamala Harris becoming the first woman and bi-racial vice president.
- Stretch it: open the book wide and stretch for all the students to see the detailed and intricate illustrations.

Additional Resources:

Find more information on other books that can be used in your class library at literacy.roosevelt.edu.

