

100 LEADING LADIES

A PORTRAIT OF INFLUENTIAL SENIOR WOMEN IN BRITAIN
BY NANCY HONEY

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INTRODUCTION

100 Leading Ladies is a photographic project featuring portraits of influential senior women in Britain.

Over the course of two years, award-winning international photographer Nancy Honey endeavoured to photograph 100 of Britain's most respected women over the age of 55; from academics to entrepreneurs, fashion designers to composers. The Leading Ladies all share one thing in common: they are leading figures in their fields and have defied gender stereotypes.

Honey invited each woman to select a place of inspiration for their portrait setting, affording the viewer further insight into the lives, personalities and character of these admirable women.

These captivating portraits are complimented by insightful interviews conducted by former Times journalist Hattie Garlick.

One hundred women, one hundred portraits, one hundred unique stories to inspire and pioneer a vision for women of the future.



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BACKGROUND

“*‘In my own lifetime I have witnessed a profound shift: from little girls imagining their future as marriage and children to the now total belief from childhood that a woman will grow up to have a career outside the home. It is more important than ever to see the important women from all fields in our society and hear their voices of experience.’*

NANCY HONEY

In today's Britain, women in senior management or influential positions over the age of 55 years are invisible. Statistics highlight how few women are in positions of power, from Parliament to the boardroom. The few who do break through this glass ceiling remain largely uncelebrated and unheard of. The 100 Leading Ladies project sought to rectify this.



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WHO ARE THESE UNSEEN LADIES?

In this project we meet well-known women like Germaine Greer, alongside lesser-known pioneers, like Averil Mansfield, the first female professor of surgery in the UK. The project features politicians, scientists, restaurateurs, CEOs, authors and Britain's oldest working super model. The Leading Ladies are from every walk of life and have taken up influential roles in the running of the country and have impacted British culture.

Their stories chart the myriad ways in which women have wielded influence over the last couple of decades whilst raising important and timely questions about changing attitudes to female leadership.

WHAT CAN THESE UNSEEN LADIES TEACH US?

Today's young professional women, and the schoolgirls who will take the lead tomorrow, require inspiring role models and access to their wisdom.

100 Leading Ladies aims to provide this access. The project explores in depth the personal and public issues surrounding women's success in the workplace: What would Britain's Leading Ladies tell their younger self? What would they share with young women starting along their road today? How did these influential women manage their jobs, children and families?

The warmth and experience of these women makes this project important for everyone who aspires to follow in their footsteps, and for all who are curious about the road to the top, meeting challenge head on, and being true to one's own destiny.

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QUOTES FROM BOOK:

“ *It doesn't bother me, at all, that successful women are always asked how they juggle their professional and home lives. What does bother me is that they never ask the same question of men. I think it would be interesting to know. The question I always wanted to know the answer to when I was reading profiles about successful men or women was, “Who buys the bread?”*

PATIENCE WHEATCROFT,
Journalist and former editor-in-chief of The Wall Street Journal Europe

“ *Our cultural traditional is that centre stage is held by a man – Hamlet or Macbeth – and they represent humanity. Even women in the audience look at them on stage and think, “That's me. That's us. That's humanity”. I don't think men in an audience would look at a female lead and say the same. They say “That's women for you.”*

HARRIET WALTER,
Eminent Shakespearean film and television actor

“ *We just aren't the same as the men of our generation. They were told as children: “You are the most gorgeous creature in the world, and every word you utter is a pearl of wisdom.” We were told: “Carmen, we are not interested in your opinion, go to the back of the class.”*

CARMEN CALLIL
Author, critic, publisher and founder of Virago Press

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100 LEADING LADIES AIMS TO:

- Celebrate the diverse achievements of some of the UK's most influential senior women across a variety of industries
- Record the story of an interesting period of social change in modern history
- Counterbalance celebrity culture and champion the overlooked female role models who have shaped Britain
- Encourage young girls and women to fulfill their potential
- Offer an intimate look into the conflicting issues that women face in balancing work and family life
- Ignite discussion and raise questions about attitudes to leadership, education, gender diversity and senior management in the workplace today
- To bring men into the conversation
- Inspire a change of culture in the workplace

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THE PROJECT SO FAR

EXHIBITIONS

SOMERSET HOUSE

On 1 October 2014 the 100 Leading Ladies exhibition opened in conjunction with the launch of the books. The exhibition of the 100 portraits ran until 26 October. A wide range of companies, organisations and schools were involved in events around the exhibition to explore issues raised by the project including:

- A panel talk led by Hattie Garlick and Leading Ladies Terry Marsh, Averil Mansfield, Helen Garlick and Miriam Gross in front of an audience of sixth formers
- A 'Returning Mums' networking event hosted by HSBC
- An evening of talks organised by Unilever on self-esteem to coincide with Dove Day
- A Linklaters corporate breakfast
- An evening in conversation with Nancy Honey and Hattie Garlick about the origins of the project

BARCLAYS BANK

Barclays Bank hosted the 100 Leading Ladies exhibition at their Global HQ in Canary Wharf between the 23 February and 20 March 2015. Barclays Women's Initiative Network hosted two events in conjunction with the exhibition.

HOGAN LOVELLS INTERNATIONAL LAW FIRM

Hogan Lovells hosted the 100 Leading Ladies exhibition in the foyer of their offices in the City of London from 8 June until 24 July 2015. They held several client events around the exhibition including a Leading Ladies dinner.

CARTWRIGHT HALL MUSEUM

Cartwright Hall Museum are hosting the first showing of all 100 portraits outside of London in Bradford, Yorkshire for five months from 5 December 2015 to 10 April 2016. The opening event will take place there on Sunday 13 December 2015.

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BOOK

The 100 Leading Ladies book designed by Steven Taylor Associates and published by Dewi Lewis Media – featuring all 100 portraits and interviews is available for purchase now online from www.100leadingladies.com

A collection of beautiful pictures and stories full of wisdom, history and humour, this glossy, coffee table art book of 220 pages, is £30

ACQUISITIONS

THE NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

The NPG purchased 13 portraits from the 100 Leading Ladies project, 4 of which were shown as part of the Achievement: New Photographs 2011-2013 display in September 2013

The portraits and the accompanying interviews are searchable in the online NPG Collection archive:

<http://www.npg.org.uk/collections/search/person/mp143861/nancy-honey?role=art>

UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER

The Faculty of Science and Technology at University of Westminster purchased 4 portraits from the 100 Leading Ladies project to display in the New Cavendish Street campus. They will be hung in summer 2015.

Nancy was invited to present the project at the 'Women in Science and Engineering' event, celebrating women in science: an afternoon with leading women from STEMM, part of a celebration for International Women's day at University of Westminster, 2015

FILM

Unilever made a film of Nancy talking about the project at the Somerset House exhibition. To view please visit this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4LYvFREh2Y>

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TALKS & EVENTS

Over the last year, Nancy Honey has been invited to speak about 100 Leading Ladies across England and in Cyprus. A selection of national organisations and institutions is:

Business

Westminster University Business School
Barclays Women's Initiative Network
Linklaters Women's Network
Institute of Directors/International Women's Forum
Addidi Wealth Management

Education

University of Westminster
The Girls' Network
Brighton Community College
Farnborough College of Technology

Award Ceremonies & Networks

British Association of Women in Policing Awards
This Woman's Work Festival
Cyprus Expat Women

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THE COMPLETE LIST

In this project 100 older women of major influence in Britain today are photographed and interviewed: from film studios to science labs and the Houses of Parliament, women from every walk of life, whose jobs are essential to the running of this country.

HALEH AFSHAR

Baroness Afshar OBE

Professor and prominent Muslim feminist

JANE ANDERSON

Professor Jane Anderson CBE

Doctor & researcher in the field of HIV

KAREN ARMSTRONG

Karen Armstrong FRSL

Author and commentator on comparative religion

DIANA ATHILL

Diana Athill OBE

Literary editor, novelist and memoirist

HELEN BAMBER 1925-2014

Helen Bamber OBE

Therapist and human rights campaigner

CAROL BLACK

Professor Dame Carol Black MD FRCPm FMedSci

Prominent physician, adviser to government and Principle of Newnham College Cambridge

KATE BOSTOCK

Executive Director of Retail & Home and CEO of Coast

HARRIET BRIDGEMAN

Viscountess Bridgeman CBE FRSA

Founder of the Bridgeman Art Library, the world's largest collection of fine art images

RITA BRITTON

Renowned fashion designer, founder of the famous Barnsley boutique, Pollyanna

HELEN BROWNING

Helen Browning OBE

Organic Farmer and Chief Executive Soil Association

JOAN BURSTEIN

Joan Burstein CBE, 'Mrs B'

Founder of Browns, the famed fashion boutique

LIZ CALDER

Founding Director of Bloomsbury Publishing and Full Circle Editions

CARMEN CALLIL

Author, critic, publisher and founder Virago Press

SARAH CAMPBELL

Textile designer extraordinaire

PAULINE CLARE

Pauline Clare CBE

Britain's first female Chief Constable

SALLY CLARKE

Sally Clarke MBE

London restaurateur

LINDA COLLEY

Linda Colley CBE FBA FRSL FRHistS

Historian

MARY CONTINI

High profile cook, partner of the famous Italian delicatessen Valvona & Crolla and cookery writer

ANNA COOTE

Head of Social Policy for New Economics Foundation, leading analyst, writer and advocate in the field of social policy

SUE COPPARD

Founder of WWOOF

(World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms)

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JULIA CUMBERLEGE

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SHEILA DILLON

Influential food journalist and presenter of The Food Programme on Radio 4

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First female President of the Royal Academy of Engineering*

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Major Philanthropist

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*Legendary public relations guru and women's
empowerment activist*

ANTONIA FRASER

Lady Antonia Fraser DBE
Author of novels, biographies and historical works.

HELEN GARLICK

*Barrister, anti-corruption campaigner and former Assistant Director
of the UK Serious Fraud Office*

ELINOR GOODMAN

*Political journalist, former Political Editor of Channel 4 News and
member of Leveson Enquiry*

SUSAN GREENFIELD

Baroness Greenfield, CBE
Scientist: specialty physiology of the brain

GERMAINE GREER

Professor Germaine Greer
Feminist, academic and journalist

BERYL GREY

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*Eminent ballerina and first Western ballerina to perform
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MAGGI HAMBLING

Maggi Hambling CBE
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Mary Honeyball MEP
*Member of the European Parliament for the Labour Party
representing London*

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Barbara Hulanicki OBE
Fashion designer and founder of the iconic clothes store Biba

ELIN HURVENES

Founder and Chair of the Professional Boards Forum

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Fashion Designer

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Composer

PRUE LEITH

Prudence Leith CBE
Restaurateur, caterer, TV cook, broadcaster and cookery writer

SONYA LEYDECKER

Joint-CEO of Herbert Smith Freehills and top litigation lawyer

LIZ LOCHHEAD

National Poet of Scotland

AVERIL MANSFIELD

Professor Averil Mansfield CBE
The UK's first female professor of surgery

TERRY MARSH

*Former Executive Director of WISE (Women into Science and
Engineering)*

BLANCHE MARVIN

*Theatre critic and founder of the Empty Space and Peter Brook
Awards in London*

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DEBORAH MATTINSON

Founder and Director of research and strategy agency Britainthinks and Chair of Young Women's Trust

CAROLINE MICHEL

CEO of literary and talent agency Peters Fraser & Dunlop

GWYN MILES

Director of Somerset House, London, now retired

DEBORAH MOGGACH

Author of many novels including The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

AMANDA NEVILL

Amanda Nevill CBE

CEO of the British Film Institute

CAROLINE NEVILLE

President of the Cosmetic Executive Women (UK) and Chairman of Neville McCarthy Associates PR and Marketing Agency

PAULINE NEVILLE-JONES

Baroness Neville-Jones DCMG PC

UK Government's Special Representative to Business on Cyber Security

LUCY NEVILLE-ROLFE

Baroness Neville-Rolfe DBE CMG

Conservative peer in the House of Lords Parliament Under-Secretary of State for Intellectual Property

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First female General Secretary of the TUC

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Elsie Owusu OBE RIBA FRSA SCA

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Athlete, first British female track gold medallist

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Former primary headteacher, author and childhood campaigner

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