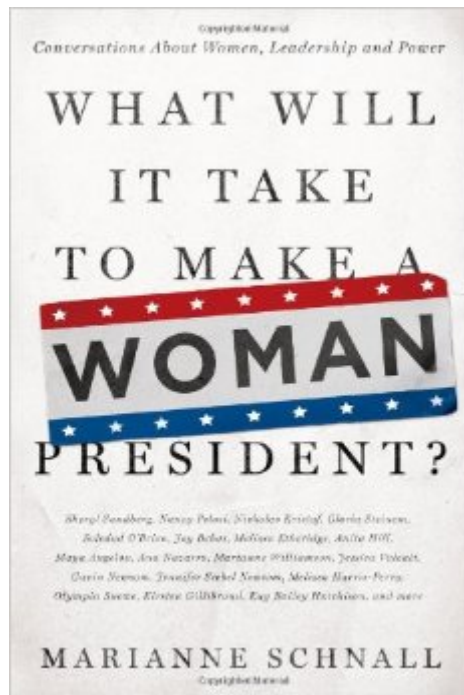


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# What Will It Take To Make A Woman President?: Conversations About Women, Leadership And Power



## Synopsis

I would love for my younger fans to read *What Will It Take to Make a Woman President?* by Marianne Schnall. It's a collection of interviews and essays by great women, including Maya Angelou, Gloria Steinem, and Melissa Etheridge. They will inspire you to become a better leader.

Beyoncé Prompted by a question from her eight-year-old daughter during the 2008 election of Barack Obama, Why haven't we ever had a woman president? Marianne Schnall set out on a journey to find the answer. A widely published writer, author, and interviewer, and the Executive Director of Feminist.com, Schnall began looking at the issues from various angles and perspectives, gathering viewpoints from influential people from all sectors. *What Will It Take to Make A Woman President?* features interviews with politicians, public officials, thought leaders, writers, artists, and activists in an attempt to discover the obstacles that have held women back and what needs to change in order to elect a woman into the White House. With insights and personal anecdotes from Sheryl Sandberg, Maya Angelou, Gloria Steinem, Nancy Pelosi, Nicholas Kristof, Melissa Etheridge, and many more, this book addresses timely, provocative issues involving women, politics, and power. With a broader goal of encouraging women and girls to be leaders in their lives, their communities, and the larger world, Schnall and her interviewees explore the changing paradigms occurring in politics and in our culture with the hope of moving toward meaningful and effective solutions; and a world where a woman can be president.

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## Customer Reviews

There are so many views as there are women quoted in the book. It is well discussed in the interviews presented. After viewing the comments, I come to the conclusion that it will take more than a village for an American woman to be President of the USA. It seems there is but one viable possible candidate that has the experience, stature and persona to handle the job of being the first woman president of the US. Just one. Everyone else are just pretenders. I recommend this book for the conversations between readers that it will provoke. A good book for a discussion group. The book is timely and it supports the needed discussions on this very important topic in the current political atmosphere. You can never tell where the inspiration for a book will come from. Check it out and add your voice to the discussion.

This book has an interesting format. Schnall interviewed multiple influential women throughout the United States and asked them what they thought it would take to make a woman president. This book was written in 2013 so some of the information is already outdated, but that happens sometimes with political books. Melissa Harris-Perry is the first interview and I found it intriguing. She said she thought the first female president would be a Republican simply because Sarah Palin made it closer to the presidency than any Democrat, even though she was just a Vice Presidential candidate. I do think Perry was right in her assumption that the reason we haven't had a female president yet is that women haven't even been full citizens of the United States for 100 years. We only gained the right to vote in 1920. So how can we expect to have female leaders when we haven't even had the right to vote for a century? Perry also gave an interesting thought regarding Hillary Clinton. We are only familiar with Clinton because of her husband, former president Bill Clinton. Perry considers this a form of coverture laws. She credits Republican women for becoming well-known on their own accomplishments. With the 2016 election we are on the precipice of electing our first female president so this book is an interesting read now more than ever. This book includes interesting interviews with not only Melissa Harris-Perry but also Gloria Steinem, Sheryl Sandberg, and Jessica Valenti, just to name a few. I highly recommend it!

Great book. Very interesting info regarding the Hillary Clinton 2008 campaign and the sexism overall of the media and women in politics

It becomes repetitive and boring. I would say it is a great gift book, since it is a bunch of interviews and requires little commitment on the gift receivers end. I was very excited to read it, but it slowly

became just okay.

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