

The Books

How Two Authors — One Writing for Adults, One for Children — Rescued Alice and Nell

Many great movements have books that tell stories about the people who made a difference. The *Autobiography of Malcolm X*, *Letter from Birmingham Jail* or the *Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks* help readers understand the civil rights movement. The publication of *Silent Spring* set a marker for environmentalists; *Crusade for Justice*, in the words of Ida B. Wells, put a spotlight on crusading journalism; and thousands of pamphlets pressed into strangers' hands on courthouse steps ... (did what?).

Driving the Vote for Equality highlights two books — conceived independently, connected by serendipity, aimed at audiences a generation apart, and together making the story of Alice Burke and Nell Richardson available to every reader from age five to eighty.

Both books were written to raise awareness. Neither book was written to activate grassroots activities. Both ended up doing exactly that.

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Driving the Vote for Women: An American Journey for Suffrage

The definitive adult account of the Golden Flyer's 1916 cross-country suffrage drive

Author: Jeryl Schriever **Audience:** Adult — general readers, history enthusiasts, women's studies, automotive history **Published:** September 2024 **Publisher:** Applewood Books

In 2009, Maine car enthusiast Jeryl Schriever and her husband Alex Huppé purchased a 1914 Saxon roadster and set out to understand what they had. The answer, after years of newspaper archive research and correspondence with Saxon experts, was astonishing: they owned a near-twin of the Golden Flyer — the car that Alice Burke and Nell Richardson drove 10,700 miles across America in 1916 to demand women's suffrage. [Driving the Vote for Women](#) is the story of that original journey and of the century-long afterlife of Alice and Nell's achievement. It traces the route, reconstructs the speeches, and recovers the human texture of a campaign that helped deliver the 19th Amendment — told with the narrative authority of someone who spent years living with the primary sources and ultimately helped bring the story back to life in a restored Saxon of her own.

Around America to Win the Vote

Two Suffragists, One Automobile, Ten Thousand Miles

Author: Mara Rockliff, illustrated by Hadley Hooper **Audience:** Children — ages 5–9 (picture book); also used widely in grades 3–5 classrooms **Published:** 2016 (centennial of the original journey) **Publisher:** Candlewick Press

Published on the centennial of Alice and Nell's original drive, [Around America to Win the Vote](#) brings the Golden Flyer's story to young readers with the same narrative energy that made the original journey irresistible. Mara Rockliff — who began researching Alice and Nell independently and connected with Jeryl Schriever through a shared obsession with primary sources — distills the 10,700-mile adventure into a picture book that captures the humor, courage, and sheer audacity of two women in a little yellow car taking on an entire political establishment. Hadley Hooper's illustrations render the period landscapes and the Golden Flyer itself in vibrant color. The book is in use in elementary classrooms across the country and has introduced Alice, Nell, and Saxon the kitten to a generation of young readers who now know their names.

The Story That Found Its Authors

Alice Burke and Nell Richardson drove 10,700 miles across America in 1916 in a Saxon roadster they named the Golden Flyer — one of the most audacious acts of political theater in suffrage history. They slept in the car. They drove through desert heat and mountain snow. They gave speeches in every town. Newspapers mocked them, then covered their journey, then couldn't stop covering them. Four years after they returned home, the 19th Amendment was ratified.

Then the story disappeared. For nearly a century, Alice and Nell lived only in newspaper archives, a handful of genealogical records, and the institutional memory of the suffrage movement. No popular history. No children's book. No documentary or feature film. Two extraordinary women who had changed American history were essentially unknown.

What brought them back was the same force that launched them in the first place: a combination of stubborn curiosity, careful research, and the willingness to follow a thread wherever it leads. Jeryl Schriever followed hers into newspaper microfilm. Mara Rockliff followed hers into the same story from a different direction. They found each other. And together, they gave Alice and Nell their second act.

How Two Books Became One Campaign: The Timeline

2009	Alex and Jeryl purchase a 1914 Saxon roadster in Maine. Neither has heard of a Saxon. The question of what they own sends Jeryl into newspaper archives.
2013	Jeryl publishes an article about Alice Burke and Nell Richardson in the <i>Horseless Carriage Gazette</i> . Mara Rockliff, independently researching the same story, reads it. The two begin trading primary source notes.
2016	<i>Around America to Win the Vote</i> published by Candlewick Press on the centennial of the original Golden Flyer journey. A new generation meets Alice, Nell, and Saxon the kitten.
2019	The Huppés build the first Golden Flyer replica for Seal Cove Auto Museum's "Engines of Change" exhibit. Stripping the seat fabric reveals a swatch of original golden-yellow paint — the exact shade they had chosen from period color charts.
2023	An Applewood Books publisher visits Seal Cove, reads the storyboards, and commissions Jeryl's book.
Sept. 2024	<i>Driving the Vote for Women: An American Journey for Suffrage</i> published. Jeryl and Alex begin speaking at libraries and historical societies across New England.
Labor Day 2025	An ERA-NOW board member visits Seal Cove Auto Museum buys two copies of the book. Through that purchase, Alice and Nell's story reaches ERA activists including former Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney.
Oct.–Dec. 2025	The Huppés' personal 1914 Saxon is wrapped in suffrage yellow and becomes the Golden Flyer II.
March 1, 2026	The Golden Flyer II departs New York City. The relay baton passes from 1916 to 2026.