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dates (and in some cases, not even that) Berkin is able to paint a vivid picture of what it might have been like for the strong women who, willingly or not, helped to create America. Berkin is an equal opportunity historian -- each chapter of her book focuses on a particular strata of female colonial society: Native America women, African American women, poor white immigrant women, and wealthy women. In this way, the reader gets a full picture of the diverse cultural groups that existed from the earliest days of Colonial America. There are also some real surprises (I won't spoil them for you) which leads the reader to believe that life in Colonial America was much more complex and unpredictable than you might have thought. This book was both educational and entertaining and I highly recommend it. 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Interesting information; narrowly focused text
By flyingleaps
This book was a required text for a course at my University on the social history of American women. While the information contained in this book was interesting (there isn't a lot out there about women during the Colonial period, though there is plenty about men), it was very narrowly focused. A significant portion of the book talks about the women of the Chesapeake, which is interesting, but not as comprehensive as I would have liked. I understand that this is because more information survives about women of that area, but it still felt like that should have been taken into account in the title of the book, so readers would have a better idea of what they were getting. I did enjoy the discussion of Native American women included in the text, though some passages felt dismissive of the culture and quickly returned to white women. The Native Americans seemed included only as far as they contextualized the lives of whites. All in all, it was an interesting book with good information, though the tone and density of the text was sometimes difficult to slog through. I found myself skimming and skipping pages oftener than I did other texts on the same subject. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars
By JeffHad to get it for US History class. Its an interesting read.

Carol Berkin's multicultural history reconstructs the lives of American women in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries--women from European, African, and Native backgrounds--and examines their varied roles as wives, mothers, household managers, laborers, rebels, and, ultimately, critical forces in shaping the new nation's culture and history.

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This academic study by Berkin (*Women of America: A History*), a history professor at Baruch College in New York City, examines the lives of 17th- and 18th-century women from a feminist perspective that focuses on gender and class. Employing excellent research skills, the author documents the lives of white as well as Native American and African American women in their diverse roles as wives, mothers, widows, employed workers and slaves. Although the complexity of the subject often yields more questions than answers about how women negotiated their lives, Berkin has made a notable contribution by utilizing recent scholarship to address family life in the mid-Atlantic and Southern colonies as well as in the much studied New England settlements. Her analysis of Native American and African American women, as well as of how the American Revolution affected female roles, is enlightening. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal
Berkin (history, Baruch Coll.) intends with this scholarly work to broaden our knowledge of women in Colonial America. Focusing not on famous women like Anne Hutchison but ordinary women from all walks of life, she examines some of the earliest settlers, including European and African American women. She discusses different geographic regions and offers excellent insight into everyday life and the role of women in the American Revolution. Along the way, Berkin explores immigration to the Colonies and the multiple roles played by women as "housewives" during the era. The final chapter is a bibliographical essay. In sum, this is a specialized, well-researched work that will appeal to collections in Colonial America and American studies. ?Dorothy Lilly, Grosse Pointe North H.S. Lib., Mich. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.