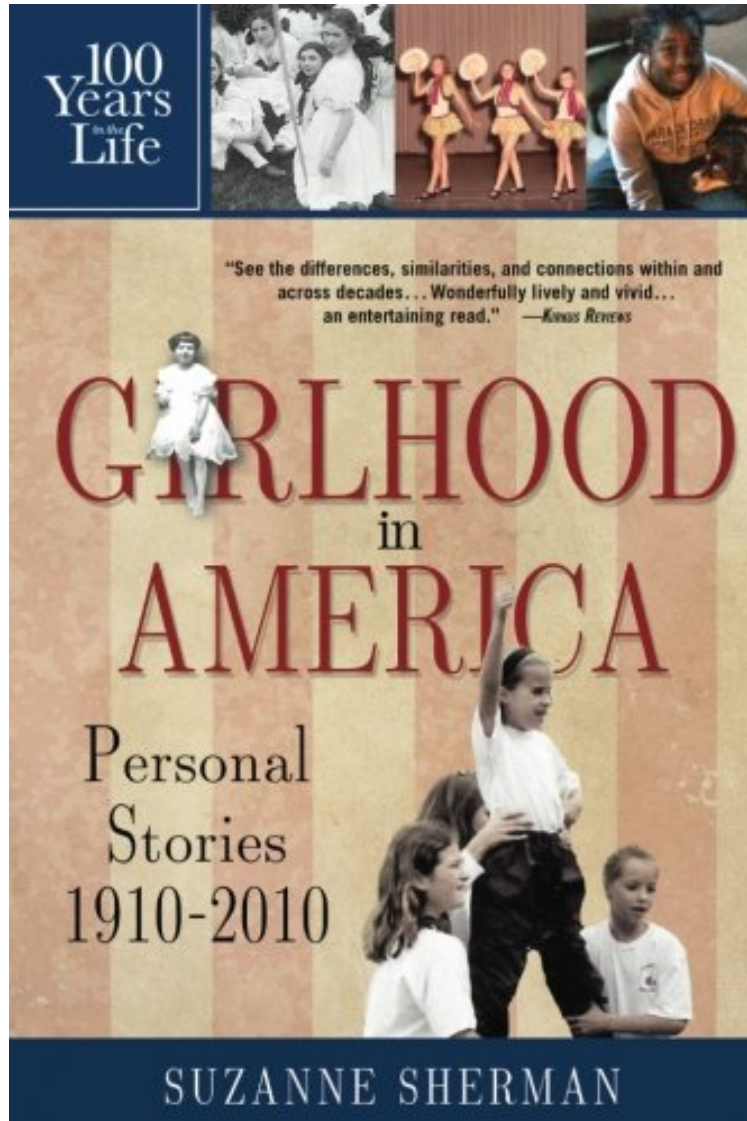


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Girlhood in America is a new and extraordinary look at American culture, with over fifty short personal stories by women and girls showing life as it was before age thirteen in every decade of a fast-changing century. Chapter by chapter, women and girls from around the country tell about the life and times of their preadolescent years in each of ten decades, from 1910 to 2010. Through the power of the personal, first-person narratives give an unprecedented look at the development of American culture and American womens culture across a fast-changing century. From life-altering inventions like the Model T Florence's father buys from a door-to-door car salesman in 1912 to the shifting social codes girls describe in the 1960s and 1970s, the book is a revealing look inside what's universal and what defines a decade. Racism repeats itself in old and new ways, social change rolls out as families take new shape, and young girls help create American culture in the new millennium. This is history in motion entertaining, eye-opening, educational a true story of America told in the truest of voices, with fascinating pop culture highlights, photographs, and popular girls' names from every decade. Have fun time-traveling!

"I love this book! It's an important testimony to the lived history of decades of young girls. Informative, fun and illuminating!" -- Linda Joy Myers, President of the National Association of Memoir Writers "This powerful collection of personal stories weaves the American experience like I've never seen done before." -- Susan Hagen, co-author of Women at Ground Zero Enlightening and entertaining! Jewels. -- Matilda Butler, WomensMemoirs.com

From the Back Cover What did you wish for when you were eleven? Who did you swoon over? Clark Gable? David Cassidy? Justin Timberlake? Girls under 13 tell you what life has been like in every decade of 100 years. They are from every part of the country, born between 1907 and 2001. Their stories are the juicy real-life stuff, from the days before telephones to the times toys went digital. American history is drawn through the pages, with stories you'll never find in history books. A taste: Arriving too late to board the Titanic in 1912. Chasing horse-drawn fire engines in New York City. Watching the first silent movies in town. Playing Elvis in the bathroom mirror. Going to Woodstock. Fleeing Saigon at the end of the Vietnam War. Saving quarters to play Pac Man -- and Ms. Pac Man. Being a student at an Islamic school in the Midwest on 9-11. It's a century of fads and fantasies, hardships and longings, privileges and prejudices, discoveries and delights. It's history in motion, powered by the personal.

About the Author Suzanne Sherman's new book series, 100 Years in the Life, is inspired in part by the thousands of memoirs she has shepherded in her thirty-year career as a memoir teacher, consultant, and editor (www.suzannesherman.com). 100 Years in the Life of an American Girl is the first book in that series. Visit www.100yearsinthelife.com for more and find out how you can submit your story to a planned book in the series.