

Who was MARGARET FULLER?



Margaret Fuller (1810–1850) was a prominent American writer, philosopher, and women's rights advocate. She belonged to the New England intellectual community called the transcendentalists, who also included Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau. She is particularly remembered for her landmark book *Woman in the Nineteenth Century* (1845), which examined the place of women within society. Fuller is remembered not only for her writings, but also for her life: a series of undertakings to live up to her own ideal of transcending the then customary gender differentiations.

What was TRANSCENDENTALISM?

Today, a lot of Americans feel strongly about issues such as racial justice, women's rights, and protecting the environment, and many believe in the power of nonviolent civil disobedience to achieve progress towards a better, fairer world. And while not all of them realize it, in many ways they take after a group of mid-19th century New England intellectuals such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, and Margaret Fuller, among others, who espoused a philosophy known as transcendentalism.

GROTON READS

GPL's Annual Community-Wide Reading Event!

Groton Reads began in 2005 as the Groton Public Library's first community-wide reading event. This 21st year of Groton Reads, we are focusing on Margaret Fuller, the famous Transcendentalist who once called Groton home.

Read *Finding Margaret Fuller* by Allison Pataki and join in on our great events all month long! For more information and to sign up visit gpl.org.

Copies of the book are available now at the Library in print or Large Print or digitally as an eBook & eAudiobook on Libby.

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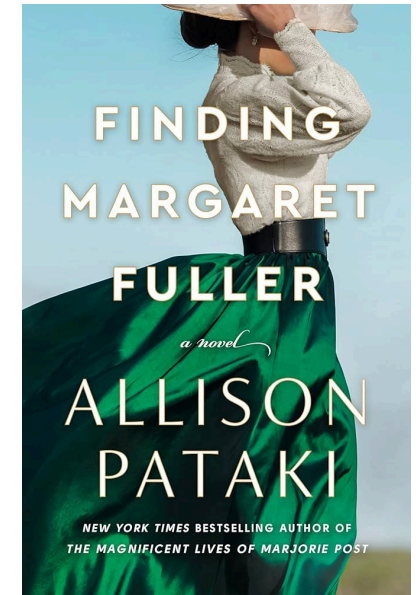
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Finding Margaret Fuller by Allison Pataki



GPL's 2025 Groton Reads Pick

“Skillfully rendered, immersive and soul-stirring, *Finding Margaret Fuller* brings to life the epic and inspiring story of an incredible woman who should never be forgotten.”

- Kristin Harmel, author of
The Paris Daughter

In the company of Ralph Waldo Emerson and his circle of enlightened friends, the young, beautiful, and brilliant Margaret Fuller becomes “the radiant genius and fiery heart” of the Transcendentalists. She inspires Louisa May Alcott, sparks Nathaniel Hawthorne to create Hester Prynne, and forms close bonds with Henry David Thoreau and Emerson himself. However, Margaret’s soul yearns for more than poetry and drama, leading her on a journey of adventure and self-discovery.

With a star-studded cast and an epic sweep of historical events, this is a story of an inspiring trailblazer, a woman who loved big and lived even bigger—a fierce adventurer who transcended the rigid roles ascribed to women and changed history for millions, all on her own terms.

In-Person Events

Sign-up to attend at gpl.org/calendar

Paper Marbling the Easy Way with Beth Dalal
Saturday, March 1 at 10:30 am

Transcendentalist Ramble: A Photographic Journey Through Nature and Thought with Bruce Magnuson
Saturday, March 1 at 2:30 pm

Thoreau 101/ Thoreau-ly Misunderstood with the Thoreau Society
Thursday, March 13 at 7 pm

Margaret Fuller and the Groton Connection with Joshua Vollmar
Thursday, March 20 at 7 pm

Silhouette Portraits in Color
Saturday, March 22 at 10:30 am

Make Your Own Miniature Bookshelf to Track Your Reading
Saturday, March 22 at 2 pm

***Finding Margaret Fuller* Book Discussion**
Wednesday, March 26 at 7 pm

Jesse Piaia Portrays Margaret Fuller: Educator, Feminist Writer, and Transcendentalist Muse
Thursday, March 27 at 7 pm

In My Back Pocket: Bookmaking Inspired by Margaret Fuller
Saturday, April 12 at 10:30 am

Virtual Events

Sign-up to attend at gpl.org/calendar

Five Women Writers in Speculative Fiction with Bill Thierfelder
Tuesday, March 4 at 7 pm

The Real Margaret Fuller with Pulitzer Prize Winning Author Megan Marshall
Tuesday, March 25 at 7 pm

VIRTUAL:
Author Allison Pataki in Conversation with Kerri Maher

Tuesday, March 11 at 7:30 pm



Allison Pataki is the New York Times bestselling author of *Finding Margaret Fuller*, *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post*, *The Queen's Fortune*, *The Traitor's Wife*, *The Accidental Empress*, *Sisi: Empress On Her Own*, and *Where the Light Falls*, as well as a nonfiction memoir and two children's books. A former news writer and producer, Allison lives in New York with her husband and family.

For Historical Fiction Fans!
Author Kerri Maher discusses her new book *All You Have To Do is Call*
Tuesday, April 1 at 7:30 pm