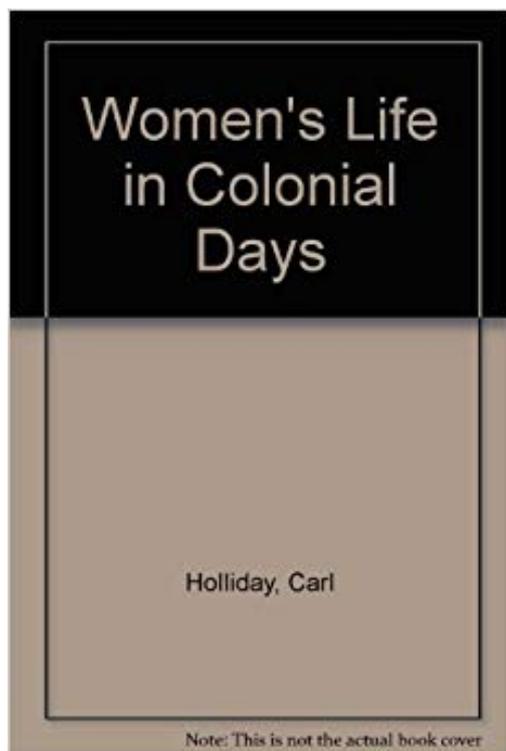


## Woman's Life in Colonial Days *by* Carl Holliday



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A discussion of the daily life of women during the Colonial period describes their education, clothes, domestic tasks, role in religion, and marriages



## Reviews of the **Woman's Life in Colonial Days** *by* Carl Holliday

### Ienakan

A Woman's Life in Colonial Days was written by Carl Holliday, and first published in 1922. My quick research did not turn up much on Mr. Holliday except that he seems to have been a literature professor -- at first Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Professor of English University of Toledo; and later a professor in California. But wherever he resided, his focus was on early American history. And he quotes easily from both primary and secondary sources.

His writing style, as might be expected of a Professor of English, is very good. The book, though academic, has an easy style and flow.

The subject, of course, is 'women in the colonial period': the various aspects of their lives: religion, education, at home, social life and dress, etc.

Here is the TOC:

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II -- COLONIAL WOMAN AND EDUCATION  
III -- COLONIAL WOMAN AND THE HOME  
IV -- COLONIAL WOMAN AND DRESS  
V -- COLONIAL WOMAN AND SOCIAL LIFE  
VI -- COLONIAL WOMAN AND MARRIAGE  
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What surprised -- and dare I say delighted me -- about the book, besides Holliday's vast knowledge, was the fact that he was so 'progressive' in most of his outlook. Although there is certainly some parts of his work we can be offended by, for the most part Holliday presents his knowledge supported by the original sources; he neither rants against the harsh ways of the past, neither is he an apologist for them.

Instead he smartly leads the reader through some pretty horrendous days in our nation's (USA's) history. And I must say that I will never look upon the Puritans in the same way again. It's not that Prof. Holliday condemns them as much as he lets their own words do the talking.

I'm not usually the sort of reader that seeks out the opinions of others for 'what happened'. I tend to like to read what people at the time wrote for themselves. BUT I greatly enjoyed this book. Prof. Holliday gave me the benefit of his superior knowledge, and at the same time used so many original sources that I did not feel deprived.

Recommend this to readers who want to learn more about our early history and how our forebearers lived and thought.

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#### **MisterMax**

My initial feeling was that it'd be a marginalized book just over women in this period. It's not that type of book though. The writer actually did a fair amount of research into the over-arching lifestyles and the environment of the period. It goes into the family pattern and a dozen topics which make it a genuine colonial history book. I would even suggest it for a high school history reading project (note it is a four-hour long book to read and that might turn some kids off). But it would draw out various discussion and present views of the period that most people aren't aware of. It is loaded with facts and quotes, which makes a plus in my view. So, I'd strongly recommend it for anyone curious about the colonial period and general American history.

#### **Saintrius**

I found this book to be helpful in my research of what life was like during the Colonial Period. The author uses and quotes from diaries and correspondence to contradict some of the common generalities and assumptions of the era. He shows women had more active roles than many assume.

I found it to be interesting and a good addition to my notes.

**Sennel**

this is a interesting way of looking at the past

**Ydely**

Used as a reference for writing a fictional book, excellent material!

**GODMAX**

I can't wait to read through this-I am Colonial History buff!!

**Flamehammer**

Great Book, shows the hard life during hard times. though women.

Not well written

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