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### WOMEN'S STUDIES

"Women Empowerment Volume 1 - The Political, Economic and Legal Empowerment of Women: Initiatives from Different Countries," edited by Ms. Anita Brandon and published by Vernon Press, USA, is a collection of eleven articles contributed by authors of repute drawn from Asia, Africa, Europe, North America and South America.

The articles, carefully written, depict the ground reality in patriarchal societies and tell in a compelling manner stories of individual women leaders who have battled against odds and emerged triumphant. These stories of hope are refreshing and inspiring as they chronicle the achievements of women leaders in all walks of life. Contributors have not lost sight of praxis even while analysing different theories of women empowerment and gender equality. The role of institutions, government agencies, civil society organizations and public policy has also been carefully documented and analysed by different contributors.

This compendium of carefully selected and edited articles should be of great interest to women leaders, activists, researchers, as well as lay readers interested in understanding and addressing issues related to women empowerment and gender equality.

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## This volume on Women Empowerment is a showcase for readers interested in case studies on Women Empowerment in the Political, Economic, and Legal Contexts from different countries across the world. The case studies here are presented under four subthemes.

Summary

### About the editor

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