

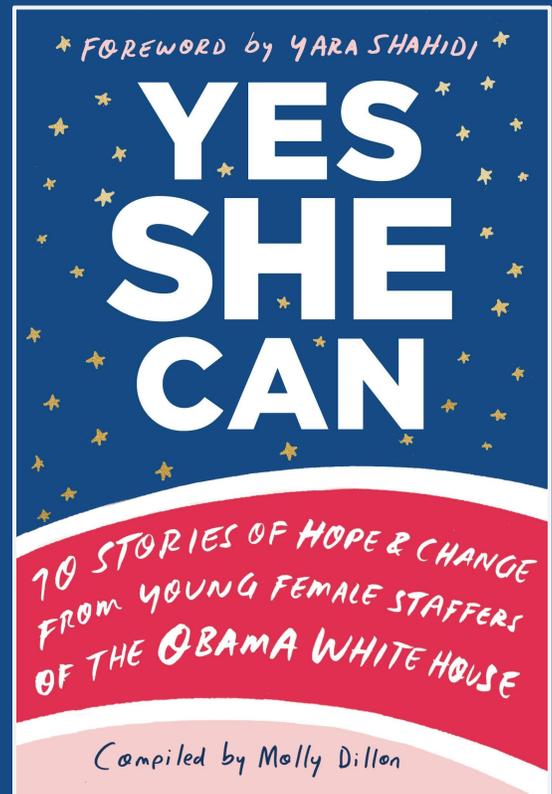


YES SHE CAN

10 Stories of Hope & Change from
Young Female Staffers of the
Obama White House

[Yes She Can](#) shares 10 stories from a diverse group of young women who all worked in the Obama White House. We were teenagers when Barack Obama announced he was running for office and were called to serve by his inclusive, feminist politics. In *Yes She Can*, we each tell a story of our most inspiring days, filled with the challenges we faced and advice we wish we could give to our younger selves. The book also includes a foreword from actress, activist, and founder of [eighteen by 18](#), [Yara Shahidi](#), as well as a *Girls Guide to Getting into Government* written by the authors (with some practical advice on where to start).

We are so inspired by all of the amazing women running for office, but we also know that so much of government work is carried out by the staff of elected officials. Our hope is that this book inspires an army of young women to pursue careers in public service at all levels. Published by Penguin Random House, ***Yes She Can* hits shelves March 5, 2019!**



Authors: Jenna Brayton, Eleanor Celeste, Nita Contreras, Molly Dillon, Kalisha Dessources Figures, Andrea R. Flores, Vivian P. Graubard, Noemie C. Levy, Taylor Lustig, and Jaimie Woo.

Advance praise for
YES SHE CAN

"Human beings are way more likely to do what we see than what we are *told*. That's why *Yes She Can*, a collection of first hand stories, is even more likely to bring women's talent to Washington than are the statistics about why such talent is needed. This book is like outstretched hands from personal friends who want to help you make a difference."

—**Gloria Steinem, Author and Feminist Activist**

"Oh, how I welcome this book! I am so heartened to know that President Obama's legacy is alive and well in those he inspired to expand their vision of what was possible. I heard the women of *Yes She Can* telling me boldly and clearly: We are bringing change. And what a powerful, most welcome and much-needed message that is."

—**Mariska Hargitay, Actor, Advocate, Director, and Producer**

"Inspiring, hopeful, funny and emotional, *Yes She Can* is a marvelous collection of untold stories of American women committed to public service. They dared to believe in themselves and their nation and, by doing so, helped change the Presidency, the White House, and the course of history for us all."

—**Raffi Freedman-Gurspan, Former Obama Admin LGBT Liaison**

"*Yes She Can* shows the importance of creating spaces for women and girls to showcase their brilliance and excellence. Each personal story will touch your heart. It is exactly the book girls need to read right now to show them that everyday girls can and will change the world."

—**Marley Dias, Author, Activist, and Founder of #1000blackgirlbooks**

"*Yes She Can* offers heartfelt stories of public service from unstoppable young women determined to make this world a better place. Necessary reading that will inspire and empower a new generation of girls focused on social impact."

—**Elaine Welteroth, Former Editor-in-Chief of Teen Vogue**

"There is nothing more powerful than an army of young women and their combined voices. Smart and sharply written, this is an excellent guide to the how and why of a life of public service."

—**Amy Poehler, Actress, Producer, and Founder of Smart Girls**

"I am so inspired by these amazing stories, each a testament to the fact that we need more young women devoted to public service. *Yes She Can* shows the extraordinary difference their voice can make."

—**Valerie Jarrett, Former Advisor to President Obama**

"*Yes She Can* offers an honest, inspiring, and heartfelt look at politics and government. The extraordinary women whose stories are reflected in this book embody courage, hard work, persistence, and resilience—characteristics we should demand from all of our leaders. A must-read for anyone—especially any girl—who dreams of changing the world for the better."

—**Cecile Richards, Lifelong Activist and Former President of Planned Parenthood**

"Amidst difficult times, *Yes She Can* is a beacon of hope. A roadmap for girls who want to make a difference, these stories show a depth of diverse experiences and breadth of opportunities young women have to change the world. *Yes She Can* reminds us that government belongs to everyone. It's an inspiration to both the younger me and the me, today."

—**Amanda Nguyen, Founder of Rise**

"*Yes She Can* mixes narratives of poignant personal journeys and exceptional work with clear guidance on how-to make a deep meaningful impact through public service. These stories will inspire those who might not have seen the public sector in their career path to consider joining in the work of together shaping our shared future."

—**Megan Smith, CEO of shift7 and 3rd U.S. Chief Technology Officer**