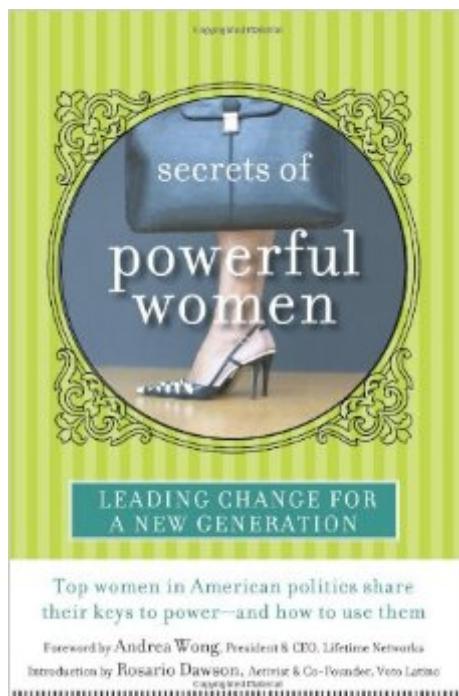


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# Secrets Of Powerful Women: Leading Change For A New Generation



## **Synopsis**

"There is something special that happens when you get a group of powerful women in a room . . . and shut the door." --Andrea Wong, President and CEO, Lifetime Networks "There's such a reservoir of power among us when we pool our resources and uplift each other. We are limitless in our power when we understand that . . . To read this book is to know that change is possible." --Rosario Dawson, Activist and Co-Founder, Voto Latino In the summer of 2008, sixteen teenage girls won exclusive access to dozens of the most politically powerful women in America. These congresswomen, journalists, and activists were supposed to talk to the young women about leadership skills and how to impact public policy, but they couldn't help sharing much more. They told funny, sad, and inspiring personal tales of missteps and small braveries, as well as of great leaps; they also talked to the girls about power pitfalls, power surges, powerful beginnings, and power suits. Now those secrets are available to you. The wisdom imparted in this unforgettable collection of funny, thoughtful, and inspiring true stories will prove invaluable to women of all ages, aspirations, and lifestyles--in situations from the PTA to a power lunch, from the kitchen table to the corner office.

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"There is something special that happens when you get a group of powerful women in a room...and shut the door," writes Andrea Wong in her forward to *Secrets of Powerful Women: Leading Change*

for a New Generation. In the summer 2008, 16 teenage girls were given exclusive access to dozens of the most politically powerful women in America, learning from these women's experiences and encouraged by their enlightening speeches. This conference inspired the creation of this book and the compilation of these speeches in essay format. "[We] realized that if we are ever going to crash through that ceiling altogether, it's not enough to let only a handful of women at a time in on the secrets," Wong writes, "We wanted to share them far and wide so that women and girls everywhere could benefit." This is one book I couldn't help but read with a pen in hand to underline the many inspiring quotes. Secrets of Powerful Women is full of good advice: standing up for yourself as a woman, dressing for success, getting ahead at work, beating the double standard, and more. Susan Bevan, Co-Chair of the Republican Majority for Choice, recommends, "Never compromise on your values. You must be willing to stand up for your beliefs, willing to lose a race or an election, in order to have credibility." Fran Drescher, actress and activist, advises women, "Don't try and emulate a man. Be a woman; it's your greatest strength." There are too many great quotes in this book to list them all, and you'll have to read each of them with their author's personal essay to get the full effect. This is an inspirational book for any girl graduating from high school or college, or just a great read for that extra dose of girl power that might be missing from your life.

Secrets of Powerful Women is a collection of the personal stories of 22 successful female leaders in today's political landscape. These women are governors, senators, congresswomen, city council members, foundation directors, journalists, authors, legal advisors, activists, and political analysts -- and their stories will inspire and resonate deeply with readers. During both the Democratic and Republican conventions of 2008, an exclusive women's Future Frontrunners Summit was conducted for sixteen young essay winners. The Summit featured a panel of women leaders and was organized to "empower and inspire women and girls to make their voices heard in every hall of power." The panelists from the Summit are the same women who contributed to this book. Each chapter is an informal, conversational-type interview with a woman currently in a prominent political position. The women in these interviews come from all backgrounds and political parties, each with her own unique heritage and story; but the thread that unites them is a deep passion for social/civic improvement through leadership in politics. Some common themes that these women discuss are the inspirational figures from their childhood, how they first became involved with politics, struggles they have personally faced in their careers, what it means to lead as a woman, and advice they would give to young women. There are equal voices coming from the left and right sides of the political spectrum: six women are listed as Democrats, five are listed as Republicans, and the rest

(as city council members, foundation leaders, etc.) are not listed as affiliated with any political party.

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