

Disguised as men or stowed away in the bellies of ships,

the first female explorers did all they could to circumvent male prejudices so they could be part of the discovery of the Earth's secrets. Although it was not until 1981 that women were first admitted to the renowned Explorer's Club, they achieved great things long before then. Lorie Karnath relates extraordinary stories of intrepid pioneers, such as the adventuress Gudridur Thorbjarnardottir, who set foot in the New World half a millennium before Columbus; or climber Anni Smith Peck, who conquered Mount Madison at the ripe age of 80; or scientist Mary Leaky, who discovered the first hominids in Great Rift Valley. *Women Who Dared* is a tribute to the most courageous women in history.

→ Intrepid women who explored the world

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