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**“The Girl Who Ran” selected for 2018 Amelia Bloomer List**

The American Library Association honors the illustrated title as one of the best feminist books for young readers

**SEATTLE (February 28, 2018)** — Compendium is honored to announce that their children’s book “The Girl Who Ran: Bobbi Gibb, the First Woman to Run the Boston Marathon” was selected for the prestigious 2018 Amelia Bloomer List. Developed by the American Library Association, the Amelia Bloomer Project recognizes books for young readers that celebrate the voices and stories of women.

Created in collaboration with Bobbi Gibb and an all-female creative team, this book shares her inspiring story with a new generation. When Bobbi Gibb first saw the Boston Marathon, her mind was set—she had to be a part of it. She trained hard, journeying across America to run on all kinds of terrain. But when the time came to apply for the marathon, she was refused entry. They told her girls don’t run, girls can’t run. That didn’t stop Bobbi. “The Girl Who Ran” shows how she broke the rules in 1966 and how, one step at a time, her grit and determination changed the world.

“In making this picture book, we hoped to offer inspiration and courage to the next generation of American women, so being recognized by the Amelia Bloomer committee is incredibly meaningful and a true honor,” says Ruth Austin, the book’s editor. “I’m so proud to have collaborated with an amazing group of women to create ‘The Girl Who Ran’ and to be sharing Bobbi’s boundary-breaking story with the world!”

Authors Frances Poletti and Kristina Yee worked to bring Gibb’s story to life. Illustrator Susanna Chapman visited the Boston Marathon and sketched runners, capturing the spirit and community of the race. A timeline in the back of the book gives a history of the Boston Marathon and the increasing number of women who’ve joined since Bobbi’s historic run. “The Girl Who Ran” celebrates the achievement of women in sport and offers an empowering message about pushing through challenges, realizing what you’re capable of, and striving for your goals.

“Bobbi’s story is as relevant today as it was when she first ran the marathon 52 years ago,” says Poletti and Yee. “We are still fighting for change, and figures like Bobbi inspire us to achieve what we were told isn’t possible. That’s why we’re so thrilled that it has been honored through its inclusion on the Amelia Bloomer list, along with other great women in history such as Malala [Yousafzai] and Florence Nightingale. Thank you for helping to spread the word of this inspiring story even further.”

Since 2002, the Amelia Bloomer Project has created an annual book list of the best feminist books for young readers, ages birth through 18. It is part of the Feminist Task Force of the Social Responsibilities Round Table. Other honorees include “Malala’s Magic Pencil” by Malala Yousafzai and “Ruth Bader Ginsburg: The Case of R.B.G. vs. Inequality” by Jonah Winter. The complete list can be viewed [here](#).

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