

# Baker Street *Elementary*

PRESENTS  
"THE LIFE AND TIMES IN VICTORIAN LONDON"



# Baker Street *Elementary*

THE LIFE AND TIMES IN VICTORIAN LONDON  
# 118 -- FAMOUS VICTORIAN WOMEN - FEBRUARY, 2022



WELCOME TO TOPIC # 118... TODAY AND WE  
WILL BE LOOKING AT FAMOUS WOMEN DURING  
OUR PERIOD...





**IN THE VICTORIAN ERA A WOMAN'S PLACE WAS  
VERY MUCH IN THE HOME.**



**WOMEN WERE UNABLE TO TRAVEL UNLESS THEY WERE EXTREMELY WEALTHY AND WERE BRAVE ENOUGH TO BREAK OUT AND CHALLENGE THE STATUS QUO.**



*VICTORIAN WOMEN WHO DID CHOOSE TO TRAVEL  
FOR ADVENTURE OR TO FURTHER A CAUSE  
CERTAINLY DID NOT USUALLY TRAVEL ALONE,  
BUT WITH A HUSBAND OR FAMILY.*





VICTORIAN DRESS WAS A HUGE HINDRANCE WHEN TRAVELLING AS WOMEN WORE BINDING CORSETS, ANKLE-LENGTH SKIRTS AND LONG-SLEEVED JACKETS WITH HUGE SLEEVES WHICH WERE TOTALLY IMPRACTICAL FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN LOOKING GOOD.





**ISABELLA BIRD WAS A NOTEWORTHY VICTORIAN  
TRAVEL WRITER WHO TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY  
DESPITE HER ILL-HEALTH.**



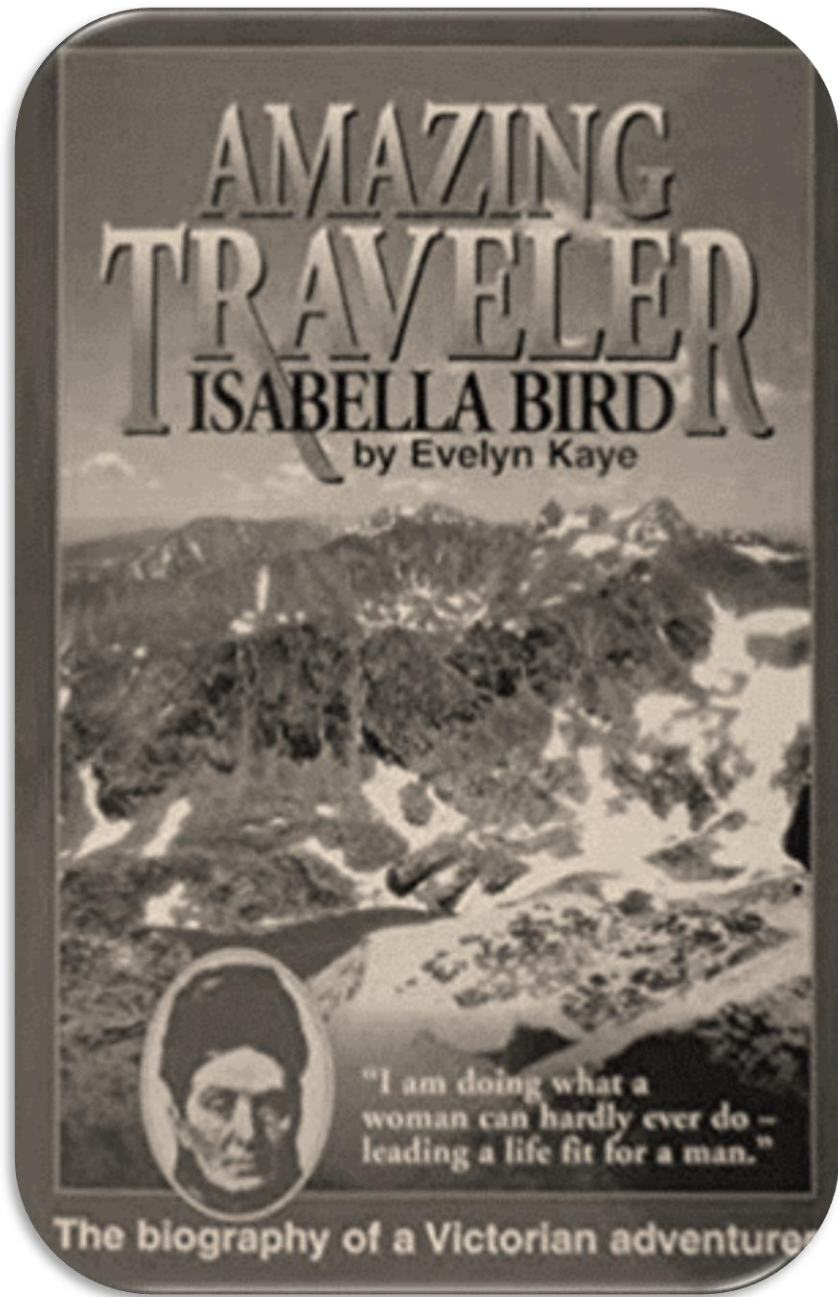


*SHE INITIALLY ACCOMPANIED HER FATHER, A MINISTER IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND, AS HE RODE AROUND HIS CLERICAL DIOCESE IN THE ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE.*



**ISABELLA WENT ON TO TRAVEL ALONE ON HORSEBACK THROUGH THE USA, JAPAN, CHINA, KOREA, PERSIA AND TIBET.**





HER TRAVELS, WRITINGS AND EXPERIENCE MADE HER THE FIRST WOMAN TO BELONG TO THE ROYAL GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.





**GERTRUDE BELL, A NOTED VICTORIAN  
TRAVELER, COMPLETED TWO ROUND-THE-  
WORLD TRIPS AND EVEN RODE SIDE-SADDLE  
ACROSS THE ARABIAN DESERT.**



**SHE BECAME AN EXPERIENCED MOUNTAINEER AND  
ALONG WITH T.E. LAWRENCE, SHE HELPED  
ESTABLISH THE HASHEMITE ADMINISTRATION IN  
IRAQ AND JORDAN.**



**ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF FAMOUS VICTORIAN WOMEN  
WAS HARRIET MARTINEAU WHO WAS A WELL-  
EDUCATED FEMINIST AND WORLD TRAVELER.**





USING HER WEALTH SHE SPENT TWO YEARS  
JOURNEYING AROUND AMERICA AND THEN  
PUBLISHED A BOOK CRITICIZING THE TREATMENT  
OF WOMEN.



*SHE ARGUED FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND EDUCATION UNTIL HER DEATH IN 1876.*

— Harriet Martineau —



It is hard to tell which is worse;  
the wide diffusion of things that  
are not true, or the suppression  
of things that are true.

— AZ QUOTES —





PERHAPS ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS VICTORIAN  
WOMEN WAS FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.







**BORN IN FLORENCE, ITALY TO A WEALTHY BRITISH FAMILY SHE DEVELOPED A KEEN INTEREST IN NURSING WHICH WAS CONSIDERED AN UNSUITABLE JOB FOR SOMEONE OF HER SOCIAL STANDING.**



**EVENTUALLY, SHE TRAINED FOR THREE MONTHS  
AS A NURSE IN GERMANY AND BECAME A  
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT IN  
LONDON'S HARLEY STREET.**



*WHEN THE CRIMEAN WAR BROKE OUT IN 1854 SHE  
USED HER KNOWLEDGE TO OVERSEE MILITARY  
HOSPITALS WHERE CONDITIONS WERE DEPLORABLE.*





*HER ACTIONS, PARTICULARLY IMPROVING  
CLEANLINESS IN THE HOSPITALS, RAISED  
SURVIVAL RATES FROM 60% TO 98%.*



**SHE WENT ON TO FOUND THE NIGHTINGALE  
SCHOOL AND HOME FOR NURSES AT ST THOMAS  
HOSPITAL IN LONDON.**





IN A PARALLEL STORY, ELIZABETH BLACKWELL  
WAS BORN IN ENGLAND BUT MOVED WITH HER  
FAMILY TO THE USA IN 1832.







**SHE WAS THE FIRST FEMALE TO GRADUATE FROM AN AMERICAN MEDICAL SCHOOL AND WITH THE HELP OF FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SHE OPENED THE WOMEN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE IN NEW YORK IN 1868.**



**EMMELINE PANKHURST, ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE SUFFRAGETTE MOVEMENT IN ENGLAND, FOUNDED THE WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE WHICH PROMOTED RIGHTS FOR WOMEN.**





ALTHOUGH THE RESULTS OF HER WORK WERE NOT  
SEEN UNTIL WELL INTO THE 20TH CENTURY,...







**...HER WORK FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN VICTORIAN  
TIMES PLAYED A HUGE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS  
GAINING EQUALITY AND VOTING RIGHTS FOR  
WOMEN.**



THESE AND MANY OTHER VICTORIAN WOMEN  
PIONEERED THE WAY FOR WOMEN TODAY TO BE  
ABLE TO HAVE THE SAME EDUCATION, FINANCIAL  
OPPORTUNITY AND FREEDOM TO TRAVEL AS MEN  
AND IN FAR GREATER COMFORT AND SAFETY  
THAN THEIR DETERMINED PREDECESSORS.





SO, WE HAVE COMPLETED TOPIC # 118 IN OUR SERIES...

IN TOPIC # 119, WE WILL BE LOOKING AT VARIOUS VICTORIAN GARDENS.





# AboutBritain.com

## ORIGINAL SOURCE MATERIAL FOR THIS TOPIC:

- [HTTP://WWW.ABOUTBRITAIN.COM/ARTICLES/FAMOUS-VICTORIAN-WOMEN.ASP](http://www.aboutbritain.com/articles/famous-victorian-women.asp)



# Baker Street Elementary

"THE LIFE AND TIMES IN VICTORIAN LONDON"

IS CREATED THROUGH THE INGENUITY & HARD WORK OF:

JOE FAY  
LIESE SHERWOOD-FABRE  
RUSTY MASON  
&  
STEVE MASON

