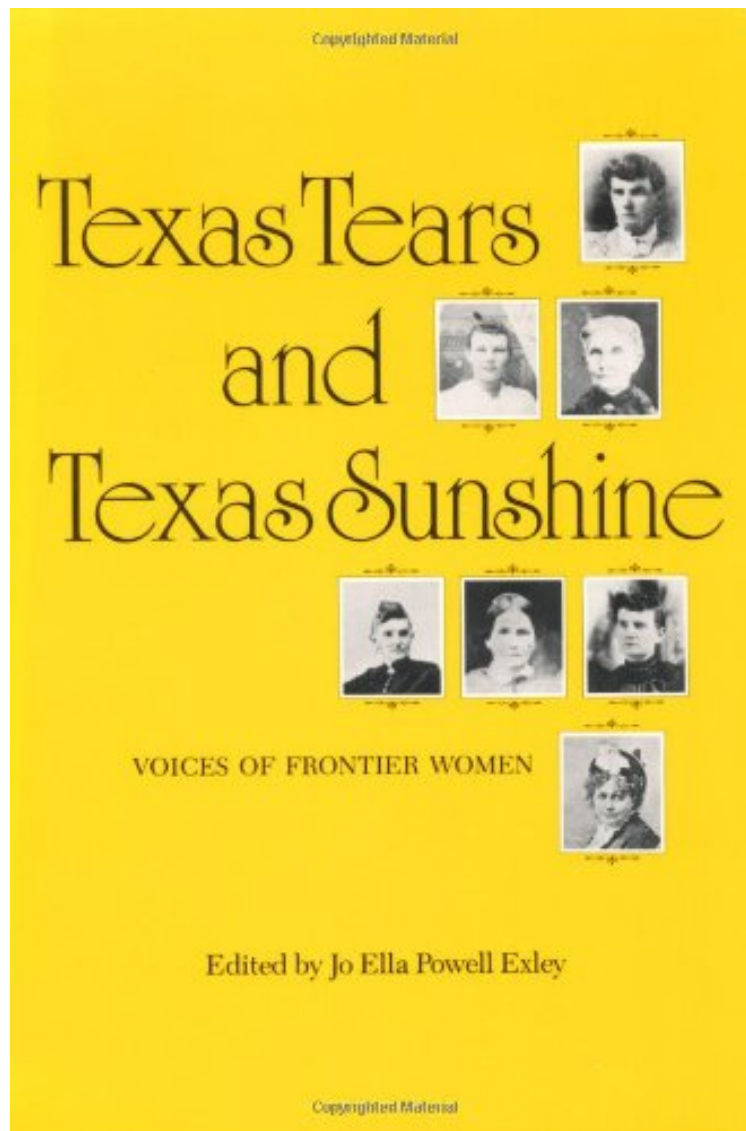


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From Jo Ella Powell Exley : Texas Tears and Texas Sunshine: Voices of Frontier Women (The Centennial Series of the Association of Former Students, No. 17) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Texas Tears and Texas Sunshine: Voices of Frontier Women (The Centennial Series of the Association of Former Students, No. 17):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. *Feminine Strength in a Frontier World* By Jamie Walzel
Texas Tears and Texas Sunshine: Voices of Frontier Women (The Centennial Series of the Association of Former Students, No. 17)
I bought this for research purposes to get a woman's point of view of early Texas life while in the process of writing an epic tale myself of a pioneer family who arrived just prior to The Republic in 1835. The vivid stories are structured in a timeline that spans from Mexican Texas to The Republic well into statehood. The collective works give perspective to the hardness of pioneer life while also establishing the ways frontier women tried to have an influence and voice in a world that otherwise oppressed them. Few first-hand accounts from women of this era exist in print. I feel fortunate to have found this book!

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. *Why Texans Are Different* By Mike Shoemaker
This book should give Non-Texans, as well as those critical of Texas, a better understanding of its unique culture and place in the landscape of American History. I would also recommend it to the revisionist historians and those in the media that enjoy taking potshots at Texas attitudes and preferences. I doubt any of these people could have survived Texas, lacking in anything comparable to the courage and bravery of Texans. We are proud of being a Republic long before we made the wrong decision not to remain so.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. *Stories of Texas Frontier Women* By Patti Lankford
I have a female ancestor who came to Texas as a Republic and am amazed at the strength exhibited by the women of her time. These women were made of sterner stuff than I am. Books like this, with personal accounts of their lives, help me appreciate the difficulties they faced and the courage they exhibited in the face of monumental challenges. The book is a treasure for me. My thanks to the author for the tribute to their lives by celebrating them in this book.

Texas Tears and Texas Sunshine are the names of popular quilt patterns, and in this volume, now in its seventh printing, sixteen pioneer women describe how they pieced together a life for their families on the harsh frontier. Their first-person narratives, selected and edited by Jo Ella Powell Exley, provide a gripping, highly personal history of the state from Stephen F. Austin's original settlement through the taming of its last frontier in the west. The stories in *Texas Tears and Texas Sunshine* cover nearly a century, from the log cabin days of Anglo colonization and the Old Three Hundred to the settlement of the South Plains in the early twentieth century. Through the years, Indian raids, frontier-style "society balls," the Runaway Scrape, plantation life, yellow fever, trail drives, and the bloody Council House fight in San Antonio provided some of the blocks for this quilt. The rugged sunshine of daily life and the tears of frontier hardship combine in fascinating, realistic patterns." . . . a fascinating collection of some of the Texas women's experiences. . . . *Texas Tears and Texas Sunshine*, a realistic look at the women of the frontier, is a book that also instills lessons of pride and courage for today." *Southern Living*

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