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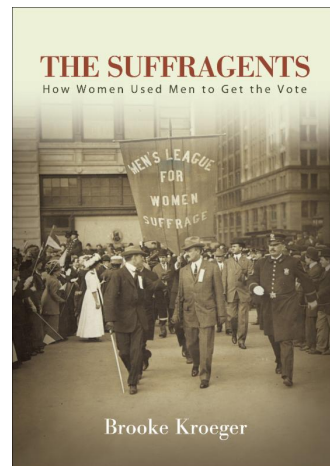
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## Celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in New York State with *The Suffragents*

**Albany, NY** -- This November will mark the centennial anniversary of [women's suffrage in New York State](#). Some of the most well-known activists of the time include Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, but relatively little is known about New York's most powerful men of the era. [The Suffragents](#) is the first book to discuss in significant detail the history of these gentlemen and how they formed the Men's League for Woman Suffrage in 1909 to help women win the vote.

Though American men had publicly supported the rights of women as far back as 1775, to openly support the cause of woman's suffrage was almost always to do so at a price. These men risked ignominy and often endured assaults on their masculinity from the opposition, and from rowdy onlookers during marches and organized events.

Behind nearly every man in the Men's League for Woman Suffrage--including Oswald Garrison Villard, Max Eastman, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, and George Foster Peabody--was a fervent activist: a wife, a mother, a sister, a lover, a daughter. Today, with ongoing battles for pay equity, protection of reproductive rights, and the defense of victims of sexual assault, [The Suffragents](#) begs for a resurgence of the ideals of the Men's League--a renewed effort to serve and protect wives, sisters, mothers, and lovers just as New York's power brokers stood beside them a hundred years ago.



Advance praise for [The Suffragents](#):

"With smooth efficiency and the touch of a novelist, Brooke Kroeger shows how the suffragist movement, engineered by women from top to bottom, cleverly stitched in the involvement of men from all walks of professional and political life, directed by women who used neither gun nor blade to direct the men, but the weapons of intelligence, cleverness, and when necessary, subterfuge."

-- James McBride, author of *The Good Lord Bird*

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[Brooke Kroeger](#) is Professor at the New York University [Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute](#). Her books include *Nellie Bly: Daredevil, Reporter, Feminist* and *Fannie: The Talent for Success of Writer Fannie Hurst*.

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