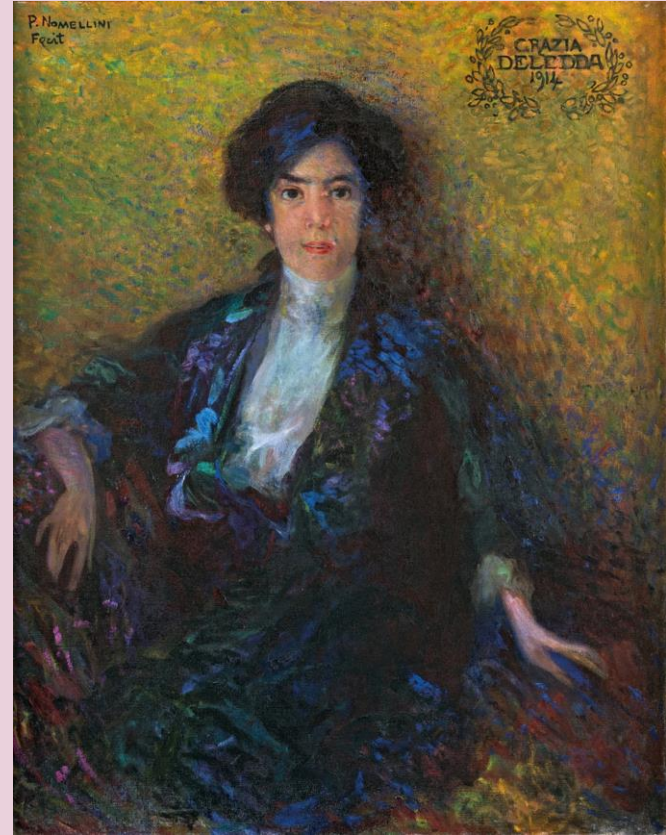


# Italian women who made history

# GRAZIA DELEDDA

1871 - 1936

The names of talented female writers are numerous, but Grazia Deledda stands out for one record: she is the first, and only, woman to have won the Nobel Prize for Literature.



# SIBILLA ALERAMO

1876 - 1960

This female figure stands out not only for her talent in journalism and writing but for a life choice: the woman, victim of an abusive husband, makes the decision to abandon him in order to cultivate her talents by dedicating herself to her work. Her story is told within the pages of the masterpiece entitled 'Una Donna'. The novel, by Sibilla Aleramo, recounts her own journey of rebirth.



# ANNA MAGNANI

1908 -1973

A symbol of neorealism, she won an Oscar in 1956 for his role in “La rosa tatuata”.

The actress, also managed to win a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. She is one of the few Italian actresses who can boast this precious attribution.



# RITA LEVI MONTALCINI

## 1909 -2012

Rita Levi Montalcini was a tireless scientist who continued her popularisation work until the age of 103. Thanks to her discoveries concerning the nervous system, she was able to win the Nobel Prize for medicine in 1986.



# MARGHERITA HACK

## 1922 -2013

Among the Italian women who have made history, we cannot fail to mention Margherita Hack: her talent is linked to the scientific world and in particular to the study of the universe. Known as the 'lady of the stars', she discovered Epsilon Aurigae, a supergiant 6500 light years away and two hundred thousand times brighter than the sun.



# MARIA MONTESSORI

1870 -1952

Maria Montessori was an Italian educator, pedagogue, philosopher, physician, child neuropsychiatrist and scientist, internationally renowned for the educational method named after her, which has been adopted in thousands of nursery, primary, secondary and high schools worldwide. She was among the first women to graduate in medicine in Italy.



## TINA ANSELMINI

1927 -2016

Tina Anselmi was an important Italian politician and partisan. She was the first woman to serve as a minister in the Italian Republic.





# FERNANDA PIVANO

1917 -2009

Fernanda Pivano was an important Italian translator, writer, journalist and music critic. A prize was established in her honour: the Fernanda Pivano Prize. Her mission has been the knowledge, discovery and promotion of American literature and culture in Italy and Europe for almost a century.



## ALDA MERINI 1931 - 2009

Alda Merini was an Italian poet, aphorist and writer. Alda experienced the psychiatric hospital, but she herself wrote 'I often tell everyone that the cross without justice that was my asylum only revealed to me the great power of life'.



# SAMANTHA CRISTOFORETTI

Samantha Cristoforetti is an Italian aviatrix, engineer and military astronaut, the first Italian woman in the crews of the European Space Agency. She achieved the European record and the female record for remaining in space in a single flight: 199 days.



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