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Rebel for Rights: Abigail Scott Duniway. By Ruth Barnes Moynihan. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1983. Photographs, notes, bibliography, index. xv + 273 pp. \$19.95.

Until now, Abigail Scott Duniway's polemical autobiography, *Path Breaking*, served as the standard work concerning the life and contributions of the foremost proponent of women's rights in the West. Duniway deserves more, and with the publication of *Rebel for Rights* we now have a balanced, insightful, comprehensive biography.

Duniway is not the perfect heroine: she was a difficult person and a continuous rebel, both unconventional and undiplomatic. By refusing to compromise with the prohibitionists she jeopardized the woman's suffrage movement in the Northwest. Nevertheless, Duniway was highly effective, dedicated, and talented. Ruth Barnes Moynihan traces Abigail's multi-talented family from its roots in Kentucky to its settlement in Oregon. Duniway's childhood and adult experiences, including a disappointing early marriage punctuated by several difficult pregnancies, convinced her that wom-

en deserve the right to autonomy in every aspect of their lives. Woman's suffrage was essential, but not sufficient, to ensure fair treatment for women. Moynihan creatively analyzes Duniway's many fictional works as well as previously unexplored archival sources. The result is a masterful book, must reading for students of western history and women's history.

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