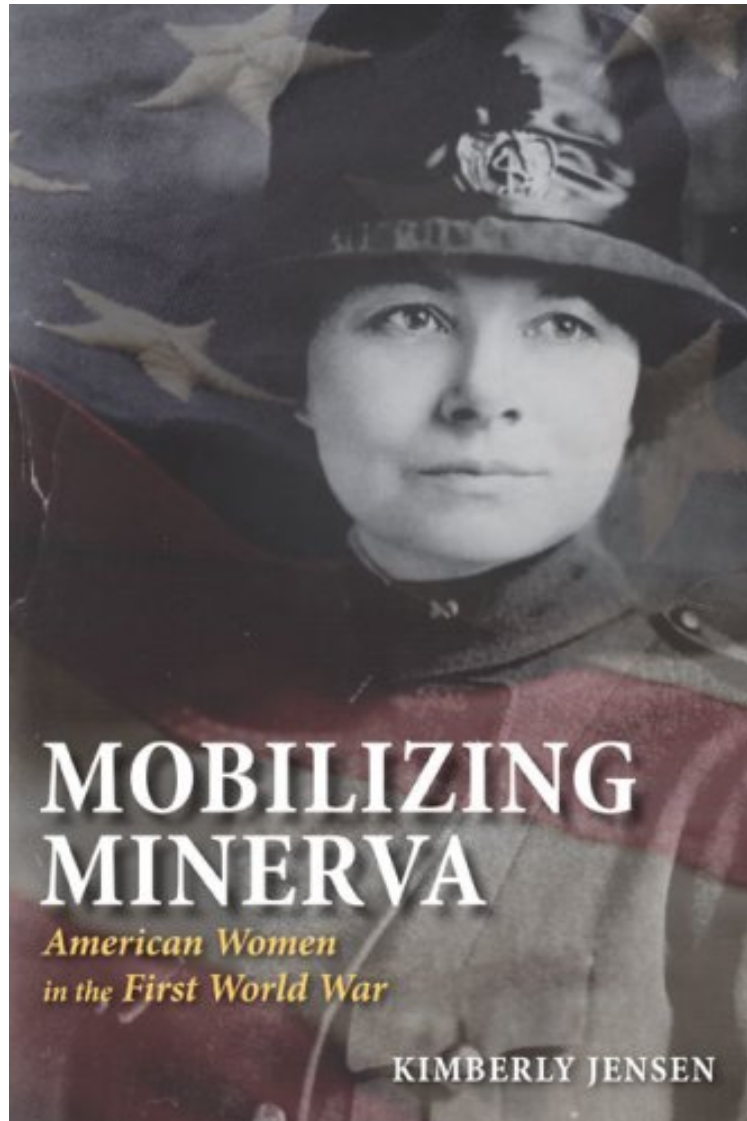


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committee that looks after the American Women's Hospitals Service now, I was delighted to read of the work done by our organization in the First World War. Yes, it still goes on, with small grants to clinics all over the world to help medically under-served peoples and increase their access to health care. Founded in 1917 we are coming up to our 95th birthday. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. American Women in the First World War By J. L. Rector From the 1913 Suffrage Parade in Washington to the struggle for gender equality in the Armed Forces, this book highlights women's efforts to expand civil rights. Unfortunately, this was an era of escalating violence, and as Kimberly Jensen clearly demonstrates, this violence affected women in many ways. Undaunted, they used their collective efforts to shield their vulnerability, heal the wounded, and advance civility. The author shows that during the war, women's service as doctors, nurses, and in the military, advanced their cause of equal citizenship.

American women did more than pursue roles as soldiers, doctors, and nurses during World War I. Mobilizing Minerva: American Women in the First World War reveals women's motivations for fighting for full citizenship rights both on and off the battlefield. The war provided chances for women to participate in the military, but also in other male-dominated career paths. Intense discussions of rape, methods of protecting women, and proper gender roles abound as Kimberly Jensen draws from rich case studies to show how female thinkers and activists wove wartime choices into long-standing debates about woman suffrage and economic parity. The war created new urgency in these debates, and Jensen forcefully presents the case of women participants and activists: women's involvement in the obligation of citizens to defend the state validated their right of full female citizenship.

"Jensen astutely analyzes the interplay between US women's attempts to attain professional and civic equality and overcome gender-based violence during WWI. . . . She expertly interweaves case studies and gender representations from women activists, popular culture, wartime propaganda, real-life accounts, and a host of other sources. Highly recommended."--Choice