

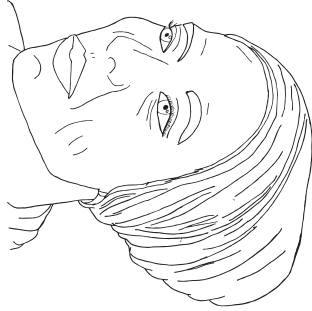
Catherine the Great
Longest ruling female leader of Russia



Katherine Johnson
An African American physicist and mathematician. Her math was a key component of NASA sending astronauts into Earth's orbit and to the moon.



Catherine Nberaba
Described by the Chicago Tribune as the greatest women's marathoner of all time. She is from Kenya and has won the Boston, Chicago, New York, Osaka, and Bogota marathons. She has won several Olympic medals: 3 silver and 2 gold.



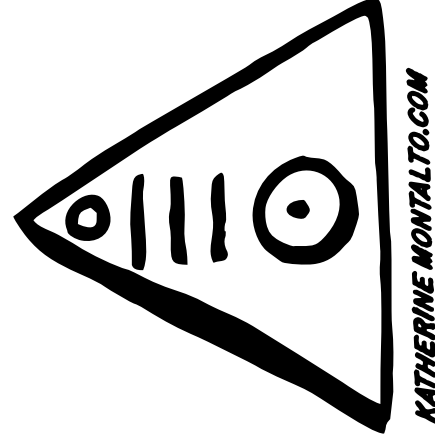
Katherine Anne Porter
Pulitzer prize winning journalist, essayist, short story writer, novelist, and political activist.



Catherine de' Medici
She was an Italian noble woman who became the queen of France from 1547 until 1559. Catherine was also said to be a witch who indulged in the Occult because she failed to produce an heir the first ten years she was married to Henry II of France. But more likely it was because of Henry's penile deformity.



In kindergarten when we learned to write our names I came home exasperated and told my mom "I'm changing my name to Jan. It's only three letters, J-A-N. Katherine is too long." She told me that while Jan was much easier to write, Katherine would look much better painted with bold black letters on an office door. It changed my whole perception of my name. What had all day felt like a burden and chore had now become something special and interesting. I loved to see characters with name in TV and movies. Once I learned to read, I would seek out books written by Katherines, Kathyns, Katharines, and Catherines. Recently I saw a post that Katherine Parr was the first woman to write and publish under her own name in English in England and it got me thinking about all the notable Katherines throughout history. I decided to collect a few into a zine. This is by no means an exhaustive list of notable Katherines but a peek into the wonderful world of people who share the name. I highly recommend seeking out information on more Katherines.



Katherine



A Zine About Notable Katherines