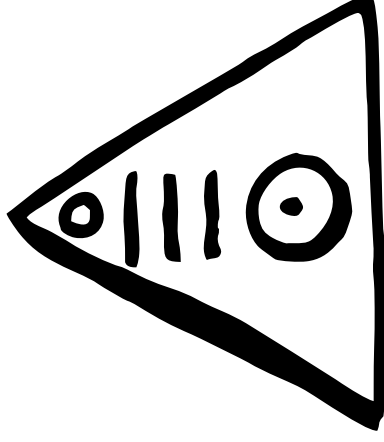


A Zine About Notable Katherines



Katherine

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, Kathryn's, Katharine's, and Catherine's. Recently I saw a post that Katherine Parr was the first woman 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.



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Katherine Dunham

American dancer, choreographer, and activist. She had one of the most successful dance careers of the 20th century. An anthropology and philosophy major at the University of Chicago, Dunham focused her studies on dances of the African diaspora. She did field work throughout the Caribbean. She studied ballet as an undergraduate. She started her own dance company and toured the world thru the 1950s. She founded her own dance school in New York. She was a cultural ambassador for LBJ and in 1992 at the age of 83 went on a hunger strike to protest the US treatment of Haitian refugees. She died in 2006 at the age of 96.



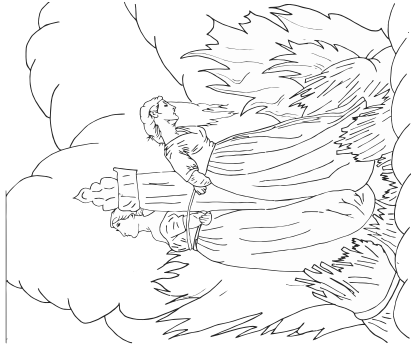
Katherine Parr

Also spelled Catherine or Kateryn She is the last woman married to Henry VIII and outlived him, but **MORE IMPORTANTLY** she is the first woman to write and publish under her own name in English in England.



Kathryn Harrison

I found Harrison's work because I have thing about reading books written by women named Katherine (or any other way it is spelled) I highly recommend *The Binding Chair* and *Poison* great, heavily researched historical fiction novels that tell the story of women in their own voices in time periods where we rarely get to hear those voices.



Catherine as a Witch

From 1450 to 1750 in Europe, an estimated 35,000 to 100,000 witches were executed. Like, Catherine Campbell, a servant girl who was tried and executed for witchcraft in 1696 and Catherine Repond, a Swiss beggar woman who was tried and executed for witchcraft in 1731.



Katherine Silva Saubel

Was a Native American scholar, educator, tribal leader, author, and activist. She was dedicated to preserving her native language of Cahulla. She started, while in high school by keeping a detailed record of the names and uses for plants she gathered with her mother. This notebook later became "Temaipaki: (From the Earth) Cahullia Indian knowledge and usage of plants" a book filled with information that Saubel had carefully collected for years. She worked for decades to collect Cahulla folklore and language and helped open the first nonprofit museum on an Indian reservation in 1965.