

## About “Overcoming the Odds”, SIM’s Lockdown Project

“On top of the personal grief and loss many have experienced, one of the saddest consequences of the pandemic has been the effects on young people. Some have been deprived of educational opportunities and jobs as a result of the lockdown.”

This book is about restoring hope and confidence – it is the histories of women who succeeded in their chosen scientific fields despite often having to overcome class or racial prejudice, opposition and gender discrimination.

Some were past pioneers, others are still with us, making a difference in the current climate of uncertainty.

Each account provides a snapshot of a life which we hope will send the reader in pursuit of information, wanting to know more.

The book has been put together by members of Soroptimist International Middlesbrough, who were determined to find a way to turn long days of isolation into a productive sharing of ideas.

‘Overcoming the Odds’ is the end product.

We hope that young women in particular may feel inspired to follow their dreams and ambitions, however discouraged they may feel at the present time.

Life *will* go on and today’s young women will flourish as the scientists of tomorrow.”

Below is a photo of the front cover (not actual size). 32 women are featured.

The book is for sale at £10. Postage and packing extra if needed.

We hope you will support this very ambitious SIM project. The book will make an excellent stocking filler for relatives and friends, especially female. Please contact Pam on [cooperpageo21@aol.com](mailto:cooperpageo21@aol.com) or Kath on [kath@saltburnarts.co.uk](mailto:kath@saltburnarts.co.uk) to order your copies.

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## BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES OF WOMEN SCIENTISTS

A Lockdown Project, 2020

During lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic, members of Soroptimist International of Middlesbrough compiled this booklet about women scientists and other professionals and the contribution they had made to expanding knowledge in a range of scientific fields

