



# A REBELLIOUS WOMAN

— *Claire J. Griffin* —

*A Rebellious Woman* is based on the life story of Belle Boyd (1844-1900), whose coming of age coincided with the opening shots of the Civil War. Debutante, teenaged spy, seductress, actress, divorcee, cross-dresser, and self-promoter, she carried a pistol and wasn't afraid to use it. In a century when a woman was meant to be nothing more than a well-behaved wife and mother, Belle Boyd stands out as a scandalous woman of history defying all the rules.



## About the Author

Kirkus Book of the Year author **Claire J. Griffin** has rowed competitively, traveled to seven continents, kayaked below the Antarctic Circle, camped in Africa, driven across the Sahara, eaten bugs, and been stung by scorpions two separate times. She has always said “yes” rather than “no” to adventure; this is likely why she identifies so strongly with Belle Boyd. Claire and her husband of forty-five years live in Brooklyn, New York, where Claire remains a fan of ethnic food, street art, and overheard conversations.

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