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BOOK EXPLORES LEGACY OF WOMEN IN BUTTE HISTORY

MISSOULA—

University of Montana Professor Janet Finn recently co-edited a book that takes readers on a journey through the stories of three generations of women who lived and worked in **Butte.**

The idea for the book was hatched three years ago by Finn and co-editor Ellen Crain, director of the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives, who both felt there were many untold stories of dynamic 20th century Butte women.

“Motherlode: Legacies of Women’s Lives and Labors in Butte, Montana” is a collection of those stories. The stories are about women who were pioneers in their fields and leaders in social and political organizations, as well as the unsung heroines who made a difference in their families and neighborhoods.

“Motherlode” is a collaboration of 20 writers who bring a chorus of women’s voices to life on the page. Women’s perspectives on and contributions to labor, family and community are at the forefront of all the stories, Finn said.

She and Crain, who both grew up in Butte, also wrote stories for the book.

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In fact, most of the book's contributors grew up in Butte. Their stories provide diverse accounts of women – mothers, grandmothers, neighbors, teachers, caregivers and visionaries – who influenced their lives and the city's history.

“It is our hope that this rich tapestry of women's stories will deepen respect for women's efforts in molding twentieth-century Butte,” Finn said. “We also hope the book will inspire a new generation of women and men who are shaping the twenty-first century.”

“Motherlode” is published by Clark City Press in **Livingston**. For more information, go online to <http://www.clarkcitypress.com>.

To purchase “Motherlode,” call Clark City Press at (800) 835-0814, or e-mail them at info@clarkcitypress.com.

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