

## Ming and Flo Fight for the Future (The Girls Who Changed the World)

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### Blurb:

An empowering and exhilarating look at the girls who went before us, and the way they shaped the world.

Twelve-year-old Ming Qong is convinced that girls must have changed the world, even if they are rarely mentioned in history books.

So when Ming gets the chance to go back in time, she imagines herself changing destinies from a glittering palace or an explorer's ship. Instead, she ends up in Australia in 1898, living a tough life as Flo Watson on a drought-stricken farm.

Luckily, Ming is rescued by Flo's Aunt McTavish. Wealthy Aunt McTavish belongs to Louisa Lawson's Suffragist Society, who are desperately and courageously fighting for women's rights. And Ming is determined to get involved, to make a difference.

But change is never easy, so how can one girl change the world?



### Lamont Review:

This the first title in a great new series, *The Girls Who Changed the World*, by Jackie French.

Ming is determined to prove that girls must have played a much bigger role in changing the world and shaping our future, even though she struggles to find much evidence of it.

She finds herself transported back in time and lives the harsh life of Flo Watson, until she is rescued by Flo's very wealthy Aunt and taken to live with her in Sydney. Ming struggles to understand how girls and women survived living during these times, given the clothes they had to wear and the expectations on their behaviour.

Luckily for Ming, Flo's Aunt is a woman who is determined to make a difference in the lives of the girls and women who will come after her. Together with her friend Louisa Lawson, they are part of the Suffragist Society, and they are trying to bring about change and get women the right to vote. But not everybody is happy about this, and their fight for progress and equal rights is not an easy one!

This book not only highlights the struggles of the past, but also shows how important strong women were, and still are, in making lives better, even when the odds were stacked against them.

This book is sure to be enjoyed by readers aged 10 and above, and they will be looking forward to the next book in the series.

Reviewed by Sam