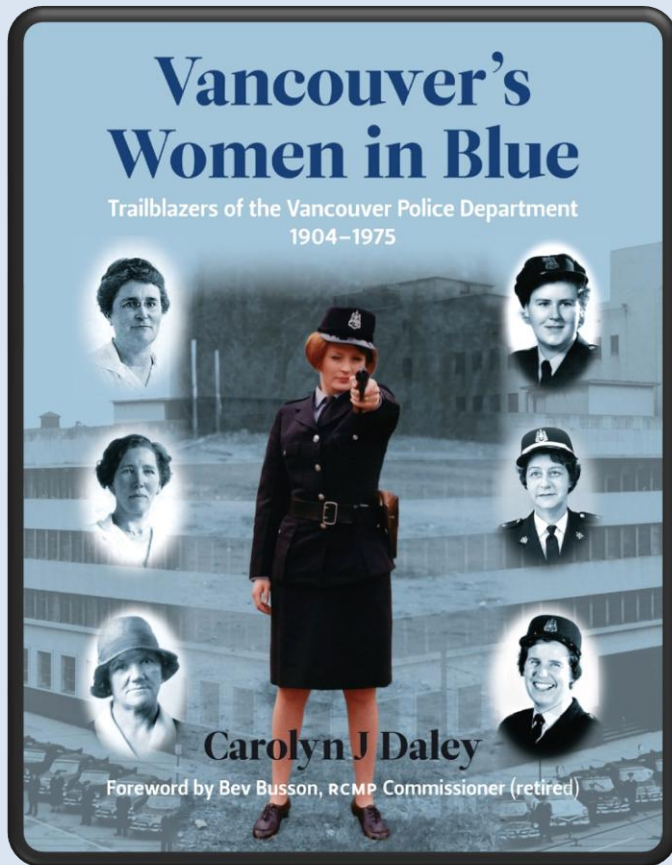


VANCOUVER'S WOMEN IN BLUE

Trailblazers of the Vancouver Police Department 1904-1975



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DESCRIPTION OF BOOK:

Vancouver's Women in Blue is a ground breaking account of the history of the women who served with the Vancouver Police Department between 1904 and 1975. Theirs is the story of women who first joined as matrons and the slow, rather twisting path their role in policing travelled as it evolved into assignments as fully operational police constables. Set up chronologically, the chapters offer a record for each of the women hired, along with a brief synopsis of their careers. A sampling of real-life memories is also included. The story concludes with the women of 1975, as they were the first VPD women to become Certified Municipal Police Constables under the new rules regarding hiring and training of municipal police officers.

FOREWORD BY: **Beverley Busson, Commissioner, RCMP (retired)**

“For women in Canada, the long road to equality has taken countless turns. For many, the journey has been difficult, but the struggle has been worth it...The history of women in policing is one such saga. This book is a story of firsts within the Vancouver Police Department, and chronicles not just the names, but the lives of the women who dared to challenge the gender barriers before the phrase ‘glass ceiling’ was even coined... Their stories are ones of courage and determination...”

ENDORSEMENT BY: **The Honourable Wally Oppal, QC**

“An excellent read; former Deputy Chief Constable Carolyn Daley’s history of the women in blue in the Vancouver Police Department is a story that needs to be told... Having spent 28 years in the force during which time she reached the level of Deputy Chief Constable, she is in a unique position to tell of the many challenges faced by women in policing... In her extremely impressive history, the former Deputy Chief takes her readers through the historical transformation of the Vancouver Police Department... A must read.

A WORD FROM THE CHIEF CONSTABLE:

“I believe that capturing and sharing the contribution these leading women made to our department will inspire future female leaders in policing.”

Chief Constable Adam Palmer
Vancouver Police Department

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Born and raised in Vancouver, B.C., Carolyn served with the Vancouver Police Department from 1975 to 2003. During her career she rose through the ranks from Constable to Deputy Chief Constable and holds the distinction of being the first woman to do so. She is the author of *Vancouver’s Women in Blue* and holds the women of the VPD in high esteem. This is her tribute to their service.