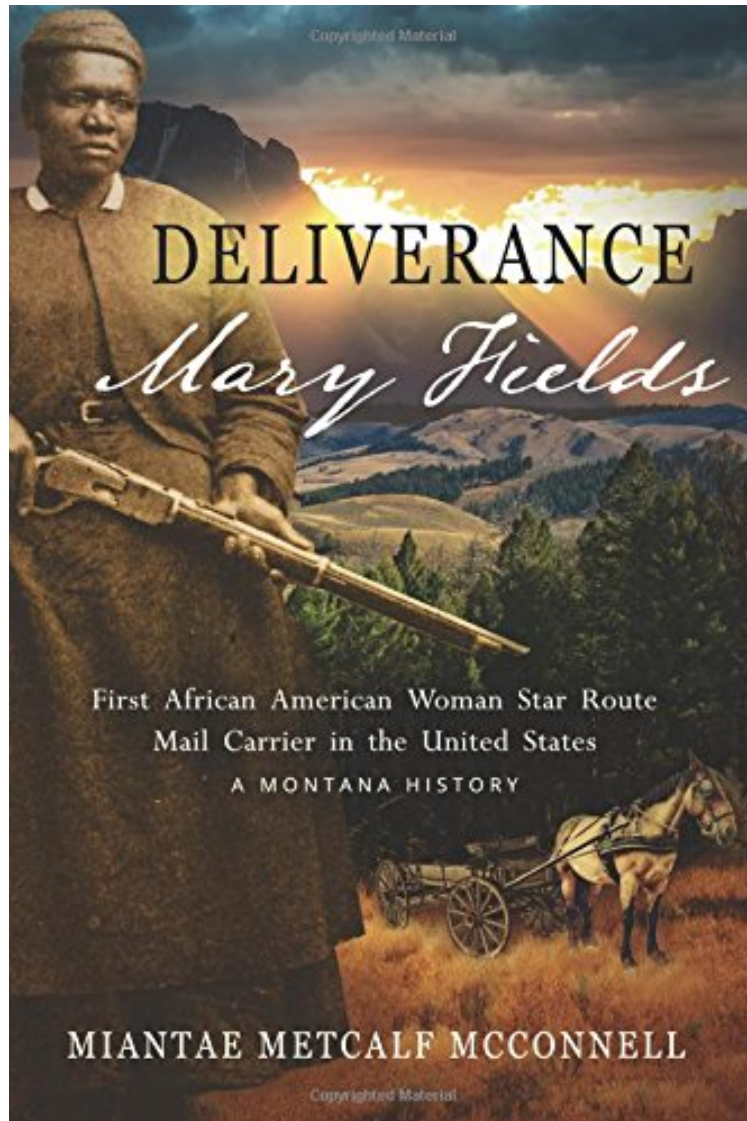


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This proved to be an excellent book on a person and period of time that has had little acknowledgement in the past. This should be required reading in history classes. Although I am not of black heritage that I know of my mother was a postmaster of a small town for 25 years and I know how children were a great part of her life as such. She loved it when they came to the post office and she was able to acknowledge them each in their own right. She had a "hug" window where each of them could get a hug from her and a moment of her time. She never forgot them and they did not forget her. She was also tied to the Cubs, the Chicago Cubs! And her name was Mary, too. Great story.
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If you enjoy historical fiction, you won't be able to stop reading this American West story full of drama and authentic characters. If you gravitate towards social justice issues and enjoy dramas with contrary points of view, look no further.
McConnell expertly transports the reader into the landscape of Montana. Her prose lingered in my mind and prompted me to imagine how I might have fared as a pioneer in Mary Fields' world. I love stories that ignite me, inspire me to root and cheer for fearless risk-taking women!
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1885 - 1914. Mary Fields, a fifty-three-year old second-generation slave, emancipated and residing in Toledo, receives news of her friend's impending death. Remedies packed in her satchel, Mary rushes to board the Northern Pacific. Days later, she arrives in the Montana wilderness to find Mother Mary Amadeus lying on frozen earth in a broken-down cabin. Certain that the cloister of frostbit Ursuline nuns and their students, Indian girls rescued from nearby reservations, will not survive without assistance, Mary decides to stay. She builds a hennery, makes repairs to living quarters, cares for stock, and treks into the mountains to provide food. Brushes with death do not deter her. Mary drives a horse and wagon through perilous terrain and sub zero blizzards to improve the lives of missionaries, homesteaders and Indians and, in the process, her own. After weathering wolf attacks, wagon crashes and treacherous conspiracies by scoundrels, local politicians and the state's first Catholic bishop, Mary Fields creates another daring plan. An avid patriot, she is determined to register for the vote. The price is high. Will she manifest her personal vision of independence?
MIANTAE METCALF MCCONNELL'S RESEARCH enabled USPS historians to verify Mary Fields as the first African American woman star route mail carrier in the U.S. A fact-based chronicle of Fields' life in Montana from 1885 until her death in 1914, the narrative examines women rights, bootleg politics, Montana's turn-of-the-century transition from territory to state and its scandalous 1914 woman suffrage election.

EDITORIAL REVIEWS
"Under McConnell's hand, the atmosphere, frontier challenges, and landscapes of Montana come to life. Mary Fields is a true historical figure, dramatized in novel format. Her story will delight readers who look for a blend of accurate historical facts, hard-hitting drama, and realistic scenes powered by a feisty protagonist whose values and concerns become part of the social changes sweeping the nation." --Diane Donovan, Senior er,
MIDWEST BOOK REVIEW
Miantae Metcalf McConnell has fashioned a historical narrative marrying prose and poetry, fact with creative writing. With the discerning eye of a photographer, the deft hand of a historian, and the literary heart of a poet, the life of Mary Fields, legendary black woman of Montana, rises majestically off the page into living history. If the reader has any interest in Mary Fields, aka Stagecoach Mary, Deliverance is the one book you must read.--Cowboy Mike Searles, Author and Emeritus Professor of History, Augusta University, GA
Miantae Metcalf McConnell provides us with a great story and history of Mary Fields, an important back westerner. A must read for youths and adults. --Bruce A. Glasrud, Professor Emeritus, California State University, Author