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Authors Lina and Adelia B. Beard wrote and illustrated many children's books and were instrumental in founding the Campfire Girls. This volume is a companion to *The American Boy's Handy Book*, written by the Beards' brother, Daniel. Its sensible, self-assured tone outlines a lively portrait of girlhood that's full of possibilities. Parents, grandparents, teachers, and camp counselors will find it a treasury of inspiration for wholesome, fun-filled activities.

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