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Amazing Girls of Arizona

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By Jan Cleere

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About the Author

Jan Cleere has distinguished herself in the field of historical nonfiction by tirelessly pursuing long-forgotten manuscripts, tear-stained diaries, and old-timers with a story to tell, relentlessly looking for elusive ghosts from the past. She is also the author of *More than Petticoats: Remarkable Nevada Women* and the award-winning *Outlaw Tales of Arizona*. Jan lives in Oro Valley, Arizona.

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