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**Book Title : *The Future of Science is Female:
The Brilliant Minds Shaping the 21st
century***

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If you're a female who is interested in women empowerment and is looking for strong feminine role models, look no further as this might be the book you need. Set in the 21st century, this book is very much focused on a diverse group of females in North America. These featured females are well-experienced and renowned for their fields. They're mostly females in STEM and are social justice advocates, aged 15 – 29 or a

bit older in very few cases. The projects they engage in are varied and of diverse content, including climate change, robotics, art, medical care, social justice, innovations, inventions and designs. The book also features an engaging introduction by the author herself who shares a bit of her story and why this subject is particularly important to her.

When I first picked up the book, I did not expect myself to enjoy it this much. Non-fiction books are often less interesting compared to fictional novels. However, this book proved me wrong. In this book, Kimberlie Le, Pree Walia and 100 Dominique Barnes are some of the main characters. The personality that impressed me the most is Dominique Barnes. She is a female hero of the oceans. She works as a marine biologist to protect the marine animals. According to her sharing, she took up a profession in this scientific field because she was worried about all the dolphins and whales that were killed during

shrimp farming. To tackle this problem, she created a tasty and affordable plant-based shrimp alternative, hoping that people would be less engaged in shrimp farming as a result. It is impressive to see how she smartly came up with such an idea after paying attention to the needs of these marine animals. It is worth learning from her.

The book heavily focuses on inspiring future female founders of the world to turn their dreams into reality and not to let their gender restrict them from achieving their goals. This is exactly why I would highly recommend it to my fellow schoolmates. In my opinion, it is wonderful to see how the book highlights an inclusive group of women, with different races, cultures, socio-economic backgrounds to show the real power of women. Also, it is important to appreciate how the book also shows a variety of important interests and problems that need to be solved.

After reading about these dreamers and pioneers, it had me thinking that even I have the power to change the world. No matter how small you are, you just have to believe in yourself and everything will work out on its own. Zara Stone's engaging narrative does just that by introducing readers to brilliant but relatable female role models who are using science to positively change our world. *The Future of Science is Female* will serve as an inspiration-not only to young girls needing role models in science and technology, but to anyone who refuses to let society dictate what they 'should' be doing and not. This book also demystifies the every-day lives of rock-star women making a difference in various high growth sectors.

With less than 150 pages, this isn't the most thorough and in-depth of books yet it packs a huge amount of information into its minimal pages. It inspired me to

learn more about the work of these strong powerful ladies. If we are going to solve such important issues, such as climate change, racial injustice, gender inequality, and all the other ways that our society is falling, then we need to start making big changes. It's high time we realize that not only men, but women are also some of those folks leading the way to it. Overall, it's an inspirational, educational and completely engaging book. I loved it, and I am sure you will too!