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- . **Actors:** [Sally Kellerman](#), [Ronnie Gilbert](#), [Julie Harris](#), [Amy Madigan](#), [Keith David](#)
- . **Directors:** [Ken Burns](#)
- . **Writers:** [Geoffrey C. Ward](#)
- . **Producers:** [Ken Burns](#), [Pam Tubridy Baucom](#), [Paul Barnes](#), [Susanna Steisel](#)
- . **Format:** Black & White, Closed-captioned, Color, DVD, NTSC
- . **Language:** English
- . **Region:** Region 1 (U.S. and Canada only. Read more about [DVD formats.](#))
- . **Aspect Ratio:** 1.33:1
- . **Number of discs:** 1
- . **Rating:** NR (Not Rated)
- . **Studio:** PBS Home Video
- . **DVD Release Date:** June 3, 2003
- . **Run Time:** 210 minutes
- . **Average Customer Review:** 4.9 out of 5 stars  [See all reviews](#)  ([12 customer reviews](#))

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## Editorial Reviews

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Feminism is a problematic word: to some it means the ongoing struggle for the equal rights of women; for others the connotations are derogatory, the word conjuring images of emasculating woman.

And for still others, mostly the younger generation who grew up with mothers in the workforce, the term is outdated, referring to a movement whose relevance is diminishing.

Postfeminism, antifeminism, the feminist backlash--these terms are wielded with little understanding of the context in which the feminist movement was born. Luckily, Ken Burns and Paul Barnes have created this superb documentary, *Not for Ourselves Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony*, to remind us of the roots of the women's movement and to show just how far we have come in such a short period of time.

In the 19th century, Susan B. Anthony had few choices for her life: to live with a husband as "a doll or a drudge" (marry a poor man, she explains, and you spend your life doing housework as a drudge; marry a rich man, and you spend your life prettying yourself up and looking like a doll), to work as a schoolteacher, or to live with her family as an "old maid."

And while she chose the life of the spinster to retain her independence, she didn't resign herself to a life of leisure. Born into a Quaker family devoted to abolition, Anthony championed the reform movement and dedicated herself to the suffragette life.

In contrast, Elizabeth Cady Stanton married and had many children, yet this did not stop her from seeking the vote for women. A friendship with Lucretia Mott sparked a desire in this abolitionist to work for the cause of women, and Stanton and Anthony eventually teamed up to fire up the revolution of women in the United States.

***This documentary, in the now-well-known Burns style--actors reading the works of Stanton and Anthony, archival footage and photos, commentary from historians--highlights not just the work of these women, but their friendship and their lives.***

Stanton and Anthony didn't live long enough to cast votes themselves, but their legacies and their struggles live today. *Not for Ourselves Alone* is a stunning testimonial to what's been accomplished and brings to

life the two women to whom every female in the U.S. owes a tremendous debt. --*Jenny Brown*

## Product Description

Two women. One allegiance. Together they fought for women everywhere, and their strong willpower and sheer determination still ripples through contemporary society. Here lies the story of two of our century's most celebrated pioneers Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony.

Recount the trials, tribulations and triumphs of these two women as they strive to give birth to the women's movement. Not until their deaths was their shared vision of women's suffrage realized. A powerful historical introspective.

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**This review is from:** [Not for Ourselves Alone - The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton & Susan B. Anthony \[VHS\] \(VHS Tape\)](#)

Both men and women need to understand where human rights were once and how far they have progressed at the sacrifice of the very few during the past 150 years. This is classic Ken Burns

offering his unique kind of perspective.

***I am giving this to my niece who will soon be leaving home as a young woman.*** I hope EVERYONE in her family - both male and female - will view this tape since both sexes need to better understand what women have faced and continue to face in making meaningful lives through their own talents and abilities. If nothing else this video exemplifies courage and determination in the finest and yet most human sense.

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**One of the top 5 best video documentaries I've ever seen.**

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And I've seen a LOT of video documentaries!

I always thought of myself as somewhat well-informed on the topic, but I knew virtually nothing about these two incredible women.

Their friendship, the beautiful blending of their unique gifts to create a strong and powerful whole of a suffrage movement, their dedication and the many elements combined to make this story perfectly wonderful.

I borrowed the video from our local library, but I think I need to watch it twice and wept tears of joy and gratitude at these women's sacr

for all womankind. It is a delight to watch.

I just had no idea women had to fight so hard and so long to be right like voting.

And Elizabeth's "best" lecture, "The Solitude of Self" was one of essays I've ever heard. Very stirring and inspiring. Even the [ba superior.

This video will not leave you where it found you. Should be required for everyone. Period.

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I too realize my debt to these extraordinary women -  
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### **True Woman Power**

These are not only names but women that all should know--yet yet they are so often overshadowed.

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**"Wheat that was sown that others harvested!"; "The women that made miracles!"; the true unsung heroines of woman's suffrage .**

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**Comprehensive Women's Suffrage Film**

This three hour film covered everything you ever wanted to know about the suffrage movement. It was another excellent Ken Burns effort. [Read more](#)

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**Worth every cent**

I saw this brilliant and beautiful documentary when it was aired on public television and while it has been readily available on VHS, I have been holding out for a DVD. [Read more](#)

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**Not for Ourselves Alone**

This film is truly a must-see. I was appalled at how little I knew about this remarkable and significant history. [Read more](#)

Published on November 30, 1999 by S. F. Russell

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### **My First Video Purchase**

Yes, this is my very first ever purchase of a video. If you watched the PBS telecast earlier this month, the experience speaks for itself. [Read more](#)

Published on November 28, 1999 by Marta Ruderman

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### **It's about time**

I watched this on PBS the other night and it's terrific. I was brought up by a feminist mother, who made sure that I knew the history of the struggle for women's rights... [Read more](#)

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### **A Wonderful Story of Two Friends**

This is such an important documentary. Every American should see this, especially women. Ken Burns and company do a fantastic job of telling the story of the friendship between... [Read more](#)