



is for **Women Wizards**.
(a book by Selia Karsten)

Did you ever **wonder why Wizards** are always shown as men with long hair and shaggy beards? Me too. I think **Women** can be Wizards too.



Artists often show wizards in long robes with tall pointy hats.



Sometimes the hats have stars and moons on them. But you never see a woman's face under the hat.

Where does the word **Wizard** come from? Does it mean **Wise**?

dictionary results for: wizard

Dictionary.com Unabridged (v 1.1) - –noun

1. a person who practices magic; magician or sorcerer.
2. a conjurer or juggler.
3. Also, whiz, wiz

From "*The way of the wizard : twenty spiritual lessons in creating the life you want*" by: Deepak Chopra.

(a guide to using spiritual alchemy for awakening the magic in everyday life).

"A wizard exists in all of us. This wizard sees and knows everything. The wizard is beyond opposites of light and dark, good and evil, pleasure and pain. Everything the wizard sees has its roots in the unseen world. Nature reflects the moods of the wizard. The body and mind may sleep but the wizard is always awake. The wizard possesses the secret of immortality."

On the pages that follow, you will find six powerful and creative women who I believe are wizards in the world we live in.



Queen Elizabeth II (Elizabeth Alexandra Mary; born 21 April 1926) is the queen regnant of 16 independent states and their overseas territories and dependencies. Elizabeth is resident in and most directly involved with the United Kingdom, her oldest realm; part of her lineage traces through the royal houses of England, Wessex, and Scotland for over 1500 years. (Wikipedia)
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elizabeth_II_of_the_United_Kingdom



Hillary Rodham Clinton (born October 26, 1947) is the junior United States Senator from New York, and was a candidate for the Democratic nomination in the 2008 presidential election. She is married to Bill Clinton—the 42nd President of the United States and was the first Lady from 1993 to 2001. She may be the future Secretary of State under the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama. (Wikipedia)
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hillary_Rodham_Clinton



Oprah Winfrey (born January 29, 1954), is an American television host, media mogul, and philanthropist. Her talk show has earned her multiple Emmy Awards and is the highest-rated talk show in the history of television. An influential book critic, Academy Award nominated actress, and a magazine publisher, she has been ranked the richest African American of the 20th century, the most philanthropic African American of all time, and was once the world's only black billionaire. According to some she is the most influential woman in the world. (Wikipedia) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oprah_Winfrey



Annie Leibovitz – Her photographs appear in *Vanity Fair* magazine as well as in art museums and galleries. A major retrospective of Leibovitz's work was held at the Brooklyn Museum, Oct. 2006 – Jan. 2007, based on her book, *Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer's Life, 1990 – 2005*, and included many of her professional (celebrity) photographs as well as numerous personal photographs of her family, children, and partner Susan Sontag. (Wikipedia)
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Annie_Leibovitz



Barbara Walters (born September 25, 1929) is an American journalist, writer, and media personality who has been a regular on morning television shows (*Today* and *The View*). Walters was a popular TV morning news anchor on NBC's *Today Show*. She spent 25 years as co-host of ABC's newsmagazine *20/20*. She was the first female co-anchor of network evening news, on the ABC Evening News and was later a correspondent for *ABC World News Tonight*. (Wikipedia) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barbara_Walters



Georgia O'Keeffe (November 15, 1887 – March 6, 1986) was an American artist associated with the American Southwest, where she found artistic inspiration, and particularly New Mexico, where she settled late in life. O'Keeffe, a major figure in American art since the 1920s, is chiefly known for paintings in which she synthesized abstraction and representation in paintings of flowers, rocks, shells, animal bones and landscapes. Her paintings present crisply contoured forms that are replete with subtle tonal transitions of varying colors. She often transformed her subject matter into powerful abstract images. (Wikipedia) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georgia_O%27Keeffe

What women can you think of who qualify to be ranked as **Wizards**?

What men can you think of who qualify to be ranked as **Wizards**?

Whoever you are, you too can be a **Wizard**.....here is a wizard's hat
To remind you to awaken the magic within you in your everyday life.



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