

**WOMEN
LEADING
THE WAY**



**Ann
Bancroft
Explorer**





Note to Librarians, Teachers, and Parents:

Blastoff! Readers are carefully developed by literacy experts and combine standards-based content with developmentally appropriate text.

Level 1 provides the most support through repetition of high-frequency words, light text, predictable sentence patterns, and strong visual support.

Level 2 offers early readers a bit more challenge through varied simple sentences, increased text load, and less repetition of high-frequency words.

Level 3 advances early-fluent readers toward fluency through increased text and concept load, less reliance on visuals, longer sentences, and more literary language.

Level 4 builds reading stamina by providing more text per page, increased use of punctuation, greater variation in sentence patterns, and increasingly challenging vocabulary.

Level 5 encourages children to move from "learning to read" to "reading to learn" by providing even more text, varied writing styles, and less familiar topics.

Whichever book is right for your reader, Blastoff! Readers are the perfect books to build confidence and encourage a love of reading that will last a lifetime!

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Who Is Ann Bancroft?

Ann Bancroft is an **explorer** and a teacher.

She was the first woman to cross **Arctic** ice to reach the **North Pole!**



North Pole

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"THE END POINT
IS REALLY NOT
THE GLORIOUS
THING. IT REALLY
IS **ALL ABOUT**
THE JOURNEY."

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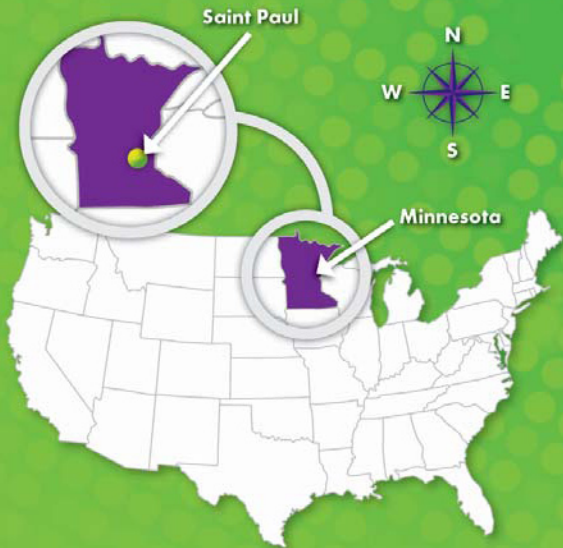
Getting Her Start



Minnesota woods

School was hard for young Ann. She had **dyslexia**. She was also very shy. Sports helped her make friends.

Ann felt free outdoors!
She loved exploring
Minnesota's woods.



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