ELLEN GLASGOW (Apr. 22, 1873-Nov. 21, 1945)
Ellen Glasgow, a novelist of Virginia society, was recognized as the first lady of American fiction during her time. Her 24 books were considered the first works of realism in Southern fiction. Among her many awards was the Pulitzer Prize in 1942 for *In This Our Life* from which a movie was made starring Bette Davis and Olivia deHavilland. She founded the Richmond chapter of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and served as its president for a number of years. A suffragist, Glasgow was active in the Equal Suffrage League of Virginia which was first organized in her home in 1909. She sought Lila Meade Valentine as the League's first president. Her later novels reflected her feminism.

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