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1879-1967

American spy who was imprisoned by the Russians. A military intelligence officer in Germany, Harrison relayed information useful to diplomats during World War I peace negotiations. Spying in Russia, she was the first American woman whom the Bolsheviks jailed. Harrison wrote several books about her ordeals, including her ten-month imprisonment. She also journeyed through Asia and assisted production of a documentary chronicling the Bakhtiari tribe's migration to Persia. Harrison helped establish the Society of Women Geographers.