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ho are the most important women in America today? What kind of power and influence do they wield? The women here—chosen by the editors of Ladies' Home Journal—are a fascinating, sometimes surprising group that reflects the multifaceted, still-evolving role of

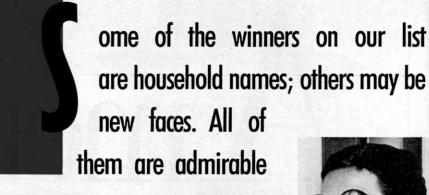
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women on the eve of the 1990s. They are stars in traditional fields for women as well as trailblazers in several professions. The *Journal* first compiled such a list in 1983, and we were especially curious to see how the 1988 version might differ. One immediate observation was that today there are so many more women who could be considered for this list. We also found that twenty-seven of our winners this year were on our 1983 list—women who continue to earn the label "outstanding." As we reluctantly pared down our master list to *(continued)*



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A recipe for success



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Fifty and looking fabulous

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Designing woman



ELIZABETH DOLE

A shining light in party politics



MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

Righting America's wrongs

Still tickling

America's funnybone



Harvard's business

way in

space

Paving the



DONNA KARAN

A life in fashion



KATHARINE HEPBURN

Eternal superstar



MATHILDE KRIM

Finding a cure for AIDS



JEANE KIRKPATRICK

A voice for the right



JACKIE JOYNER-KERSEE

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