

Mother May I?



Sunday, May 13 is Mother's Day in the United States, Australia, and Canada. In Mexico, *Dia de las Madres* is Thursday, May 10. In France, *La Fête des Mères* is Sunday, May 27. After Christmas and Easter, Mother's Day is the third-most celebrated holiday in the world, but the way mothers are honored differs from place to place.

In the United States, the most typical gift given to mom is a Mother's Day card and flowers. It may come as no surprise that the vast majority of Mother's Day cards—80% in fact—are not bought by men but by women. A mother's job is never done, it seems, not even on Mother's Day.

Mother's Day wasn't always celebrated by buying cards, flowers, chocolates, and jewelry. It was Anna Jarvis who fought to establish the national holiday. Jarvis was inspired largely by her own mother, who had organized "Mother's Day work clubs," where women would tend to soldiers wounded during the Civil War and tackle problems that led to infant mortality. Indeed, Jarvis proposed Mother's Day as a day to honor women like her mother, who had played greater political roles for the benefit of society. She was disgusted when her holiday turned into a commercial bonanza for those hawking flowers and candy. Jarvis spent her life fighting what Mother's Day had become.

In most countries these days, Mother's Day is celebrated by showering gifts and attention on mom. In Mexico, it is tradition on *Dia de las Madres* to serenade mom in the morning before church and then prepare dinner for her. France's *La Fête des Mères* originated as a way for the French government to honor the mothers of large families with a gold medal. It was a means to encourage French women to have more children and repopulate the country after World War I. By the 1950s, consumer appeal and a rising birth rate transformed the holiday into one more commercially aligned with the United States. And why not take one day out of the year to recognize their vital importance?

May Birthdays

In astrology, those born between May 1–20 are Taurus' Bulls. Bulls are hardworking, ambitious, honest, and dedicated to finishing tasks with a dogged persistence. Once the work is done, a Taurus expects to enjoy the fruits of their labor. Those born between May 21–31 are Gemini's Twins. They have two distinct and alluring sides to their personality: sociable and ready for fun, or serious and thoughtful. Sometimes they feel as if one half is missing, so they forever seek new friends.

- Benjamin Spock (pediatrician) – May 2, 1903
- Sugar Ray Robinson (boxer) – May 3, 1921
- Sigmund Freud (psychoanalyst) – May 6, 1856
- Fred Astaire (entertainer) – May 10, 1899
- Yogi Berra (ballplayer) – May 12, 1925
- George Lucas (film maker) – May 14, 1944
- Adrienne Rich (poet) – May 16, 1929
- Cher (singer) – May 20, 1946
- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (writer) – May 22, 1859
- Bob Dylan (songwriter) – May 24, 1941
- Jim Thorpe (athlete) – May 28, 1887
- Walt Whitman (poet) – May 31, 1819

Lucky Lindy



On May 20, 1927, Charles Lindbergh pointed his *Spirit of St. Louis* airplane down the runway of Roosevelt Field, Long Island, and 33 1/2 hours later he landed in Paris, France. A crowd of 100,000 greeted him as a hero. Lindbergh had become the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Before becoming a national hero, Lindbergh was a mail pilot. He had heard of a promotion, offered by a New York hotelier: the first person to fly from New York to Paris would be awarded a prize of \$25,000. Many attempted the flight and failed, but Lindbergh would succeed. He supervised the building of a custom plane. With four sandwiches, two canteens of water, and 451 gallons of gas, he made the flight and etched his name into the history books.

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Spring is in the air!



