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Oveta Culp Hobby: Colonel, Cabinet Member, Philanthropist

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Join the Austin History Center and author Debra Winegarten, author of *Oveta Culp Hobby: Colonel, Cabinet Member, Philanthropist*, as she recounts the fascinating story of Oveta Culp Hobby (1905-1995). A discussion and book signing will follow the talk and refreshments will be served.

About the Author

Born and raised in Dallas, Texas, Debra Winegarten works for the Astronomy Department at the University of Texas at Austin. She and her mother, Ruthe Winegarten, co-authored a biography of Dr. Leona "Tiny" Hawkins, one of the first African-Americans in Texas to own a nursing home. Other books she published are *Katherine Stinson: the Flying Schoolgirl*, a story of the fourth U.S. woman to earn her pilot's license in 1912, *Mum's the Word*, a collection of stories and remembrances about her mother, and its sequel, *Where Jewish Grandmothers Come From*.



Oveta Culp Hobby: Colonel, Cabinet Member, Philanthropist is the first biography of this important woman. The book traces her life from being raised in Killeen, Texas to being a Parliamentarian. During World War II, she was asked to build a women's army from scratch--which she did, then became its first director and the first female Army colonel. President Eisenhower chose her as Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, the second woman in history to be appointed to a president's cabinet. With her husband, former Texas governor William P. Hobby, she led a media empire which included the Houston Post newspaper and radio and TV stations.

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