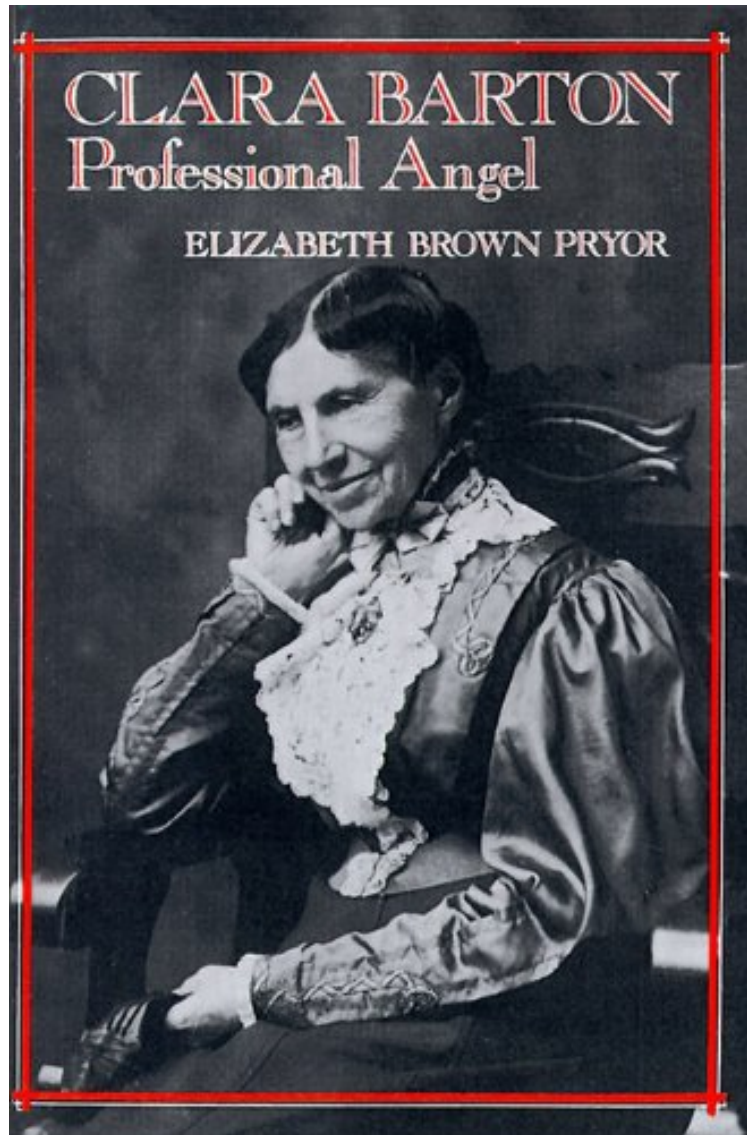


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Barton: Pushy Broad Von P A Brown I enjoyed this biography of Barton as it covered more than just her years as a Civil War nurse battlefield angel. Pryor gives life to Barton, exposing her touching little secrets (she liked to take a nip now and then, had a romance with a married man dyed her hair) as well as her less-than-saintly personality (she was fiercely competitive with other reformers like Dorthea Dix and really like being in the spotlight). Her two major accomplishments -- her battlefield nursing and the founding of the American Red Cross -- came about through stubborn sacrifice and a real dedication. She got done what she did because she was relentless in achieving her purposes. Her pushiness knew no bounds: she called on neighbors and politicians, asked for favors, used emotional blackmail and wasn't always sweet as pie about it all. Pryor's admiration for her subject is evident and she reveals Clara as a modern woman who used any and every resource available at a time when no one was inclined to support such activity. I came away from this book liking Clara Barton, even with her halo slightly tarnished.

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