Some of the most powerful, influential women in history were authors, writers, and poets. What better way to make your point, affect the world around you, inspire other women to fight for their dreams, or even just simply put your stamp on the world than to have your writing published. Who are the best female authors in history? Which is one of many reasons why women writers are amazing — and why we need more of them. Because let's face it, the "official… "Writing is a job, a talent, but it's also the place to go in your head. It is the imaginary friend you drink your tea with in the afternoon." —Ann Patchett, Fernando Leon/Getty Images
“The best time for planning a book is while you’re doing the dishes.” —Agatha Christie. “Write the kind of story you would like to read. People will give you all sorts of advice about writing, but if you are not writing something you like, no one else will like it either.” The women listed below have certainly penned works of immense worth, but their lives are worth admiring as much as those of their characters. They have managed to corral their experiences and imaginations into something that we can read and experience ourselves, and that is truly impressive. Doris Kearns Goodwin. She lived in Ghana as a journalist and became involved in the American Civil Rights Movement, meeting both Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X personally. She published her first critically acclaimed autobiography, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, in 1969. Her career spanned decades, and while she is most remembered for her writing, she also received recognition for her acting, directing, and screenwriting.