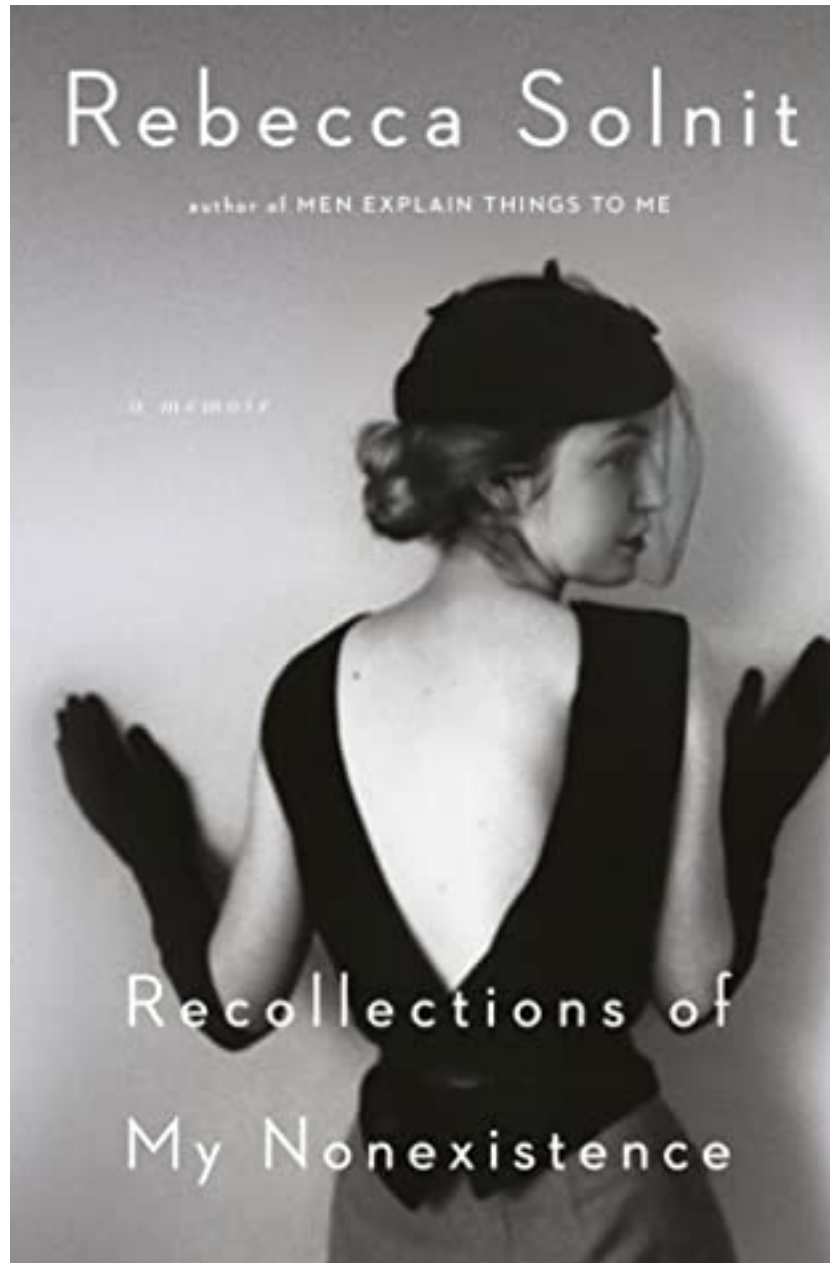


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### Diane S â™”

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She talks about violence against women, men who think they have the right to a women's body. Expectations on how bodies should look to appeal to men, of to feel good about oneself. Societies expectations. Her own brushes with violence and again she turns away from her own story to tell of violence against other women. As well as historical bias against women victims of crime.

Books and what they mean to her. Her writing life and so much more. Elegantly and gracefully written. Her words just flowed. Yes, I was impressed and once I can put my hands on that book that is somewhere on some pile, I fully intend to dive in.

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## Roman Clodia

One of the iconic stories in Ovid's

is the terrible tale of Philomela, raped by her brother-in-law and then silenced by him hacking out

her tongue so that she can't accuse him or speak out about her ordeal. It's this classic intertwining of violence against women and the muting of female voices which drives Solnit's memoir.

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Solnit may not be a supreme stylist but she is intelligent, honest, compassionate and empathetic: she has that ability to reach out via her words, to move from the individual to a voice for other women, but without appropriating others' experiences as her own. She can be funny, too, not least when recounting how she came to write her classic essay 'Men Explain Things To Me'.

Sharp but accessible, thoughtful, committed - a must-read for Solnit groupies and those new to her writing.

Many thanks to Granta for an ARC via NetGalley.

## Megan Bell

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## Sarah

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When I heard

was publishing a memoir this year it quickly became one of my most anticipated releases of 2020 - having enjoyed a number of her previous collections (including

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and

to name but a few) Solnit is one of my favourite living essayists.

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