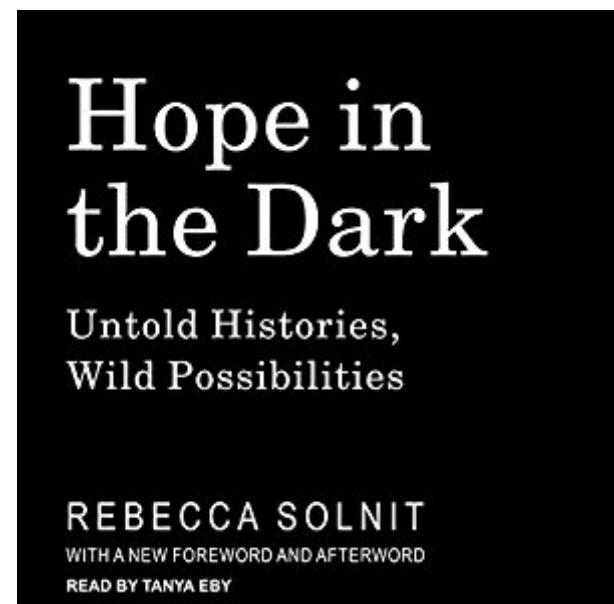


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Synopsis

With *Hope in the Dark*, Rebecca Solnit makes a radical case for hope as a commitment to act in a world whose future remains uncertain and unknowable. Drawing on her decades of activism and a wide knowledge of environmental, cultural, and political history, Solnit argues that radicals have a long, neglected history of transformative victories, that the positive consequences of our acts are not always immediately seen, directly knowable, or even measurable, and that pessimism and despair rest on an unwarranted confidence about what is going to happen next. Originally published in 2004, now with a new foreword and afterward, Solnit's influential book shines a light into the darkness of our time in an unforgettable new edition.

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Customer Reviews

If you have any interest in writing, in the personal essay, in beautiful sentences, in thoughtful observations -- then you can't avoid Rebecca Solnit. She has created a genre all of her own, something very few writers can even dream of doing. It just isn't possible to write better than she does. She has made me fall in love with her mind. Her books reach deep into my world, turn things around, and make me see things differently. They make me different. Again, it's the very highest work that writing can ever do. I will always read anything she writes. The "subject" doesn't matter. She shows, with an almost magical eloquence that also remains natural and easy-flowing (organic), what writing is for, and just how much it can actually do. And she just gets better. She makes the world a better place.

The introduction is inspiring and is sticking with me months after reading it. While the bulk of this slender book addresses an era several years ago, the act of reading and remembering how past woes have been overcome is in itself an act of hope. Highly recommend to anyone who cares about making change in their community.

I found this book useful as a way of re-engaging with an activist mindset. Much of what she writes about activism resonated with me, and was a reason I had turned away. So while I don't agree with her on everything, I do appreciate the intellectual entry point into hope for the future.

As always, Rebecca Solnit writes beautifully and fills your mind with new thoughts and with old thoughts seen from a different angle.

Solnit writes hope into her text. I passed my unfinished copy on to a friend who had more imminent need. I'll pick up another. I appreciate Solnit enough that I'm now reading "Men Explain Things To Me".

Great book for helping me feel optimistic in difficult times. The future is not set in stone. We need to stand up for our rights and what we believe in. Each of us can make a difference!

A profound read for these times. It is the first thing I have read that dragged me out of my November despair. It recentered my thoughts about where we've been and why going forward into an unknown future matters.

I am reading HOPE IN THE DARK with my book club. We are still in the midst of reading the book and having very good discussions. It is a book written so timely for what is happening in our country today;. She gives me hope.If everyone would read this book we may have more people being civil to each other. I gave this book to a friend for her birthday.Thank you,Diane

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