

William Gladstone, the Victorian prime minister who opposed the suffragettes, read and annotated Mary Wollstonecraft's *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman* (1792). His summary inscription is only partially legible to me; can you do better? Have a look at the image and see if you can add any words to this transcription. Op ppl oo pop op ok p pop p l pi pp

This is a wiki, open to all; if you can read this, you can amend it too. Oh -- and if you look at the top right of your screen, you may see that others are online at the same time, and able to chat.

[Gladstone's handwritten inscription](#)

This work is praised (and it is a heavy _____) in Lawrence, *Empire des Nairs*, Dis[c.] P_____, p. VI¹. The intention is upright, & it contains many or some good things: but it aims in fact too much at effacing in practical life distinctions which God, & nature His instrument, have made indelible. WG Jan 16, [18]64.

In case you are interested, my name is Roberta Wedge and ultimately this info will feed into my blog on Wollstonecraft, [A Vindication of the Rights of Mary](#). Thanks for any help you can offer!

Another quest or request of this sort is [the transcription of a ten-minute radio discussion](#) about Mary Wollstonecraft, should you wish to contribute.

¹<http://books.google.fr/books?id=bqYPAAAAIAAJ&dq=%22Camilla%22%20%22Empire%20des%20Nairs%22&hl=en&pg=PA39#v=onepage&q&f=false>