It is often said that William Godwin’s Memoirs of the Author of The Rights of Woman of 1798 destroyed Mary Wollstonecraft’s reputation for over 100 years. If that is true, it must count as one of the most dramatic, as well as the most damaging, works of biography ever published. At the time of her death in London on 10 September 1797, Mary Wollstonecraft was certainly well-known and widely admired, as an educational writer and champion of women’s rights. She was renowned not only in Britain, but also in France, Germany and Scandinavia (where her books had been translated), and in newly-independent Mary Shelley (née Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin, often known as Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley)

was an English novelist, short story writer, dramatist, essayist...ÂSee if your friends have read any of Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley’s books. Join Goodreads. Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley’s Followers (4,678). More followersÂAdd New. Mary Wollstonecraft (UK: /ˈwÊšlstÉ™nkrÊÉE Éiti/; /-krÉÉiti/; 27 April 1759 â€“ 10 September 1797) was an English writer, philosopher, and advocate of women's rights. Until the late 20th century, Wollstonecraft's life, which encompassed several unconventional personal relationships at the time, received more attention than her writing. Today Wollstonecraft is regarded as one of the founding feminist philosophers, and feminists often cite both her life and her works as important influences. Memoirs of Mary Wollstonecraft by William Godwin. A Note on the Text Godwin’s Memoirs, first published in January 1798, were attacked by a flood of condemnatory reviews in current periodicals. Influenced, perhaps, by this storm of criticism, Godwin prepared ‘The Second Edition, Corrected,’ published some months later in the same year.ÂThrough the whole course of this delightful book I have adhered religiously to Godwin's idiosyncrasies in spelling, punctuation, and use of capital and small letters. I have put in every superfluous comma, and have gaily allowed him to spell cheerfully, cheerfully, and vice versa, as the fancy seized him. Memoirs of Mary Wollstonecraft by William Godwin. A Note on the Text Godwin's Memoirs, first published in January 1798, were attacked by a flood of condemnatory reviews in current periodicals. Influenced, perhaps, by this storm of criticism, Godwin prepared 'The Second Edition, Corrected,' published some months later in the same year.ÂThrough the whole course of this delightful book I have adhered religiously to Godwin's idiosyncrasies in spelling, punctuation, and use of capital and small letters. I have put in every superfluous comma, and have gaily allowed him to spell cheerfully, cheerfully, and vice versa, as the fancy seized him.