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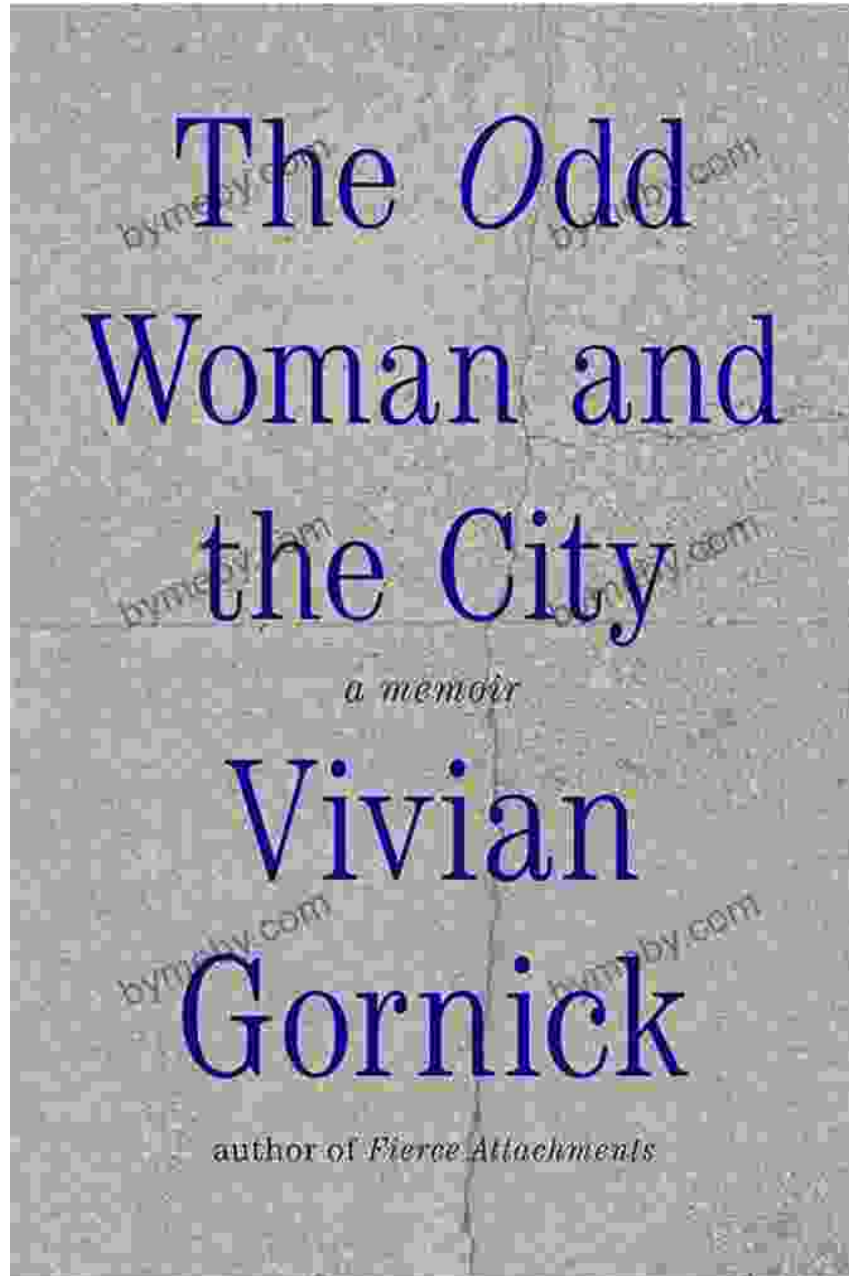
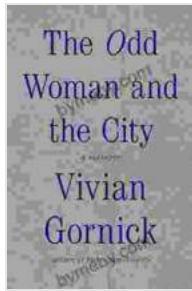


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The Odd Woman and the City is a memoir by Vivian Gornick that explores the complex relationship between women and the city. Gornick writes about her own experiences as an odd woman in New York City and draws on the work of other writers, such as Virginia Woolf and Simone de Beauvoir, to explore the ways in which women have been shaped by and have shaped the city.

## **The Odd Woman**

Gornick defines an odd woman as a woman who is not defined by her relationship to men. She is not a wife, mother, or girlfriend. She is not even a lesbian. She is simply a woman who is on her own.

Odd women have always been a part of the city. They are the women who work in the factories, the shops, and the offices. They are the women who live in the boarding houses and the single-room occupancy hotels. They are the women who are invisible to most people.

Gornick argues that odd women are essential to the city. They are the ones who keep the city running. They are the ones who provide the labor and the

services that make the city livable.

## **The City**

The city is a place of both possibility and danger for women. It is a place where women can find freedom and independence. It is also a place where women can be vulnerable to violence and exploitation.

Gornick writes about the ways in which the city has both empowered and disempowered women. She writes about the ways in which the city has shaped her own life and the lives of other women.

## **The Memoir**

*The Odd Woman and the City* is a personal and political memoir. It is a book about the experience of being a woman in the city. It is also a book about the history of women in the city.

Gornick writes with honesty and insight about the challenges and rewards of being an odd woman. She writes about the loneliness and the freedom, the fear and the exhilaration. She writes about the ways in which the city has both shaped and been shaped by women.

*The Odd Woman and the City* is a powerful and moving memoir. It is a book that will resonate with anyone who has ever felt like an outsider. It is a book that will challenge your assumptions about women and the city.

## **Reviews**

"*The Odd Woman and the City* is a brilliant and honest exploration of the complex relationship between women and the city. Gornick writes with wit, insight, and compassion about the challenges and rewards of being an odd

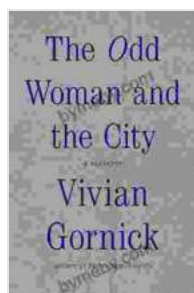
woman. This is a must-read for anyone who has ever felt like an outsider." — The New York Times

"Gornick is a master of the personal essay. In *The Odd Woman and the City*, she writes with unflinching honesty about her own experiences as an odd woman in New York City. This is a powerful and moving memoir that will resonate with anyone who has ever felt like an outsider." — The Washington Post

"*The Odd Woman and the City* is a classic of feminist literature. Gornick's writing is insightful, witty, and compassionate. This is a book that will stay with you long after you finish it." — The Guardian

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