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‘Betwixt and Between the Biographies of Mary Wollstonecraft’ identifies the biases, contradictions, errors, ambiguities and gaps that have run rampant in biographies on Wollstonecraft, many of them incomprehensively left unchecked and perpetuated from publication to publication. It also analyzes how these flaws have subsequently and significantly distorted scholars’ understanding of Wollstonecraft and her works.

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