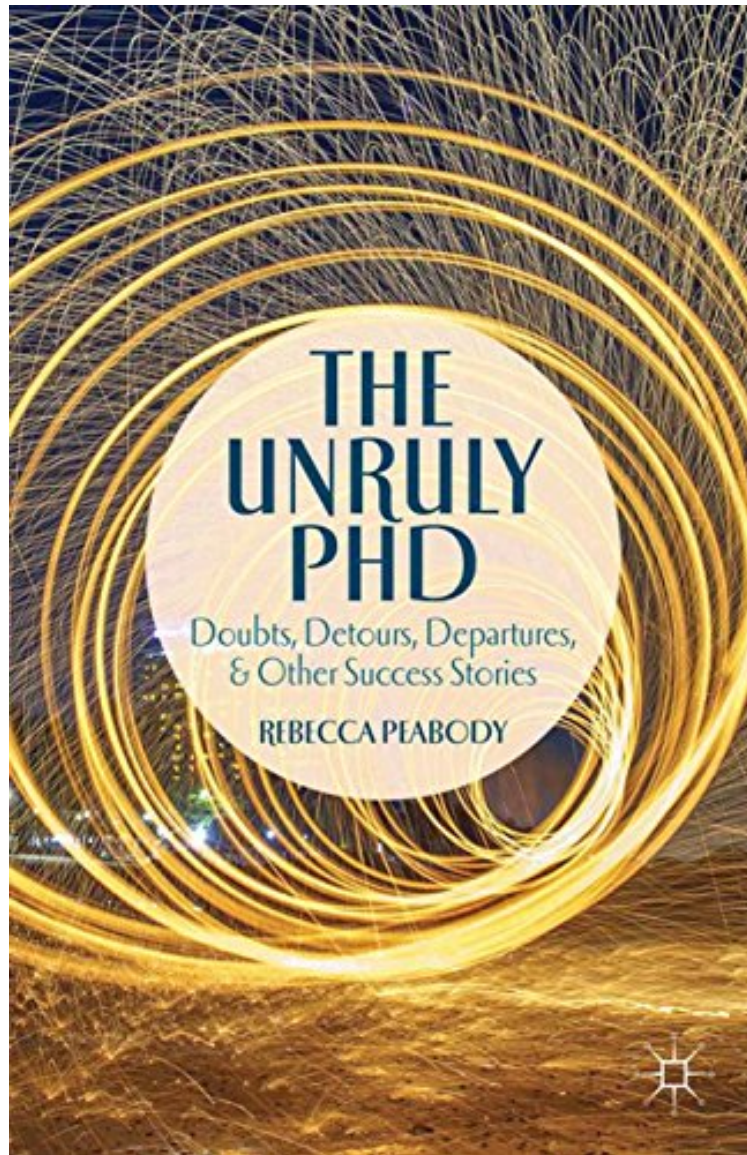


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or just about to head there. As someone with a PhD myself, I can testify that this is a fantastic book which pulls back the curtain on the whole process. Very few people go through a grad program in a linear way, yet that is the standard that everyone is held to. To supplement that singular standard, this book maps out a generous handful of other paths, and from there you can extrapolate about all the other ways to make a vocation out of advanced, immersive learning. Anyone who is committed to their discipline yet confused about how to survive--or are perhaps feeling like they aren't, actually, good enough to make it--will be empowered by these stories to take the reins of their own education. Set aside your assigned reading for this book--it's will help, I promise. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. a future available to folks like me is heartening By Andrew Briscoe As a Ph.D. student who is following a non-traditional path, and seeking non-traditional options, this book was an affirmation! Knowing that there is, in fact, a future available to folks like me is heartening. Ms. Peabody does an excellent job of aggregating a cross section of stories from folks who've "been in the trenches" and can share their perspectives. While it seemed a bit art history-heavy (as a political scientist) the lessons are easily translated from one field to another. Bravo - and thank you! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Recommended for PhD People By Amanda If you're doing or considering doing a PhD, this book will help you realize that there are probably other people who have had similar questions and struggles about it, and that there are many paths it can open up.

This collection features former graduate students who speak frankly about the challenges and decisions they faced along the way to their doctorates. Peabody leaves no doubt that there are as many right ways to get through a PhD, and as many right career tracks on the other side, as there are students willing to forge their own paths.

"I can only hope that when a PhD candidate is in the midst of panic, paralyzing fear, boredom, apathy, or even revulsion, the stories in Peabody's book will come to their mind in snippets, in remnants, as something they can store away and use. If graduate students could read real-world accounts of not only how to face these trials, but how to face them creatively, this would be a real and empowering thing. Indeed, I would recommend this book to all my graduate students. This is the kind of book one could read at the beginning of the PhD journey as well as at the end." - Kara Cooney, Associate Professor of Egyptian Art and Architecture, University of California, Los Angeles, USA "The Unruly PhD fills a hole in the post-academic career literature with its in-depth first-person essays about surviving the ups and downs of graduate school and the life afterwards. Although many students instinctively turn to the web and blogosphere for guidance and community, navigating the sheer number of narratives can be overwhelming. The book will also be tremendously helpful for friends and family of PhDs to get an inkling about the PhD experience." - Melissa Epstein, Founder, NYC VersatilePhD About the Author Rebecca Peabody is Head of Research Projects and Programs at the Getty Research Institute, USA.