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Posted: Thu, 17 Jan 2019 by [Helen Nicholls](#)

Former NSS president Barbara Smoker's book *My Godforsaken Life: Memoir of a Maverick* reminds us of the value of ordinary people's principled activism and provides a link to secularists of the past, says Helen Nicholls. [Read More »](#)

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An interview with Nira Yuval-Davis and Sukhwant Dhaliwal, co-editors of the new book telling the story of Women Against Fundamentalism, an organisation set up in 1989 by women of many faiths and none to work at the interface of feminism and anti-racism. The... [Read More »](#)

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