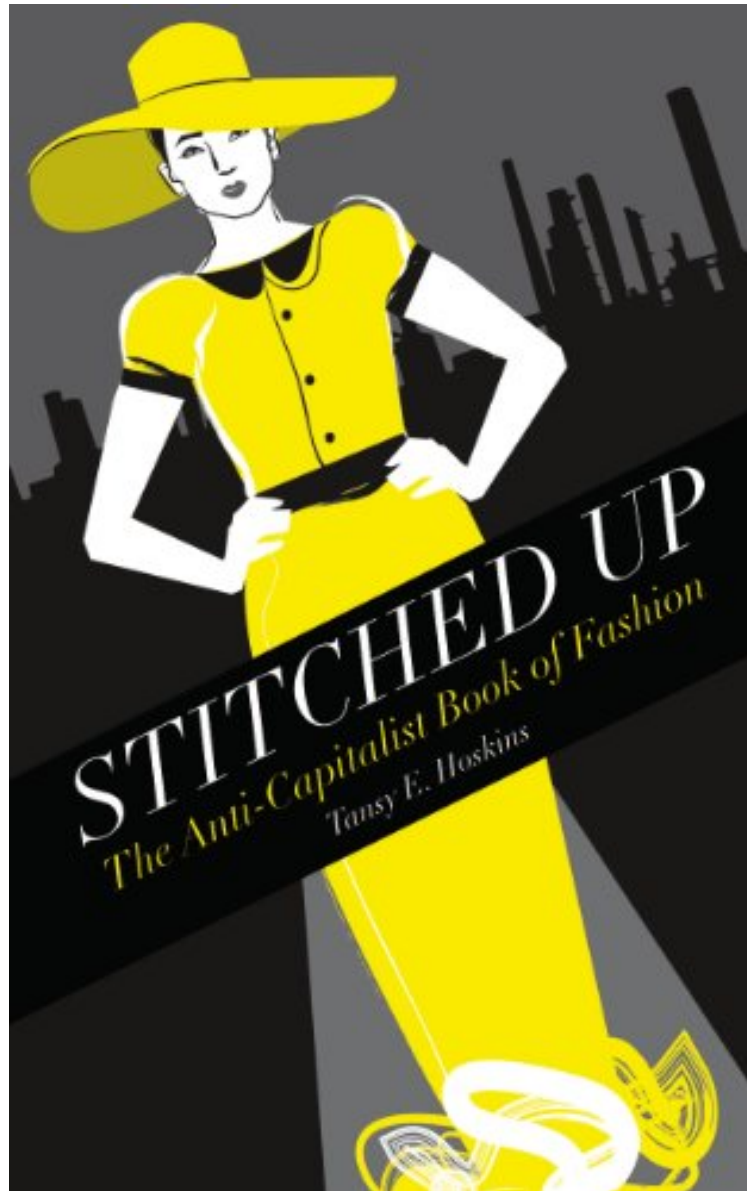


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'A book that hangs like a garment on a coat-hanger. A garment with many pockets. In the pockets numberless notes and remarks about clothes and history. Take it off the hanger and put it on. By which I mean - read it and walk through history. ' - John Berger

Tansy Hoskins interrogates today's fashion landscape with rigour, intellectualism and gut instinct. *Stitched Up* contains a number of splendidly-articulated seminal moments that will make you view your wardrobe through a different lens. A fine investigation of the cultural tyranny of a multibillion pound industry, vast employer and polluter inclined to operate as if above censure. ' - Lucy Siegle, writer for *The Observer* and author of *To Die For*

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