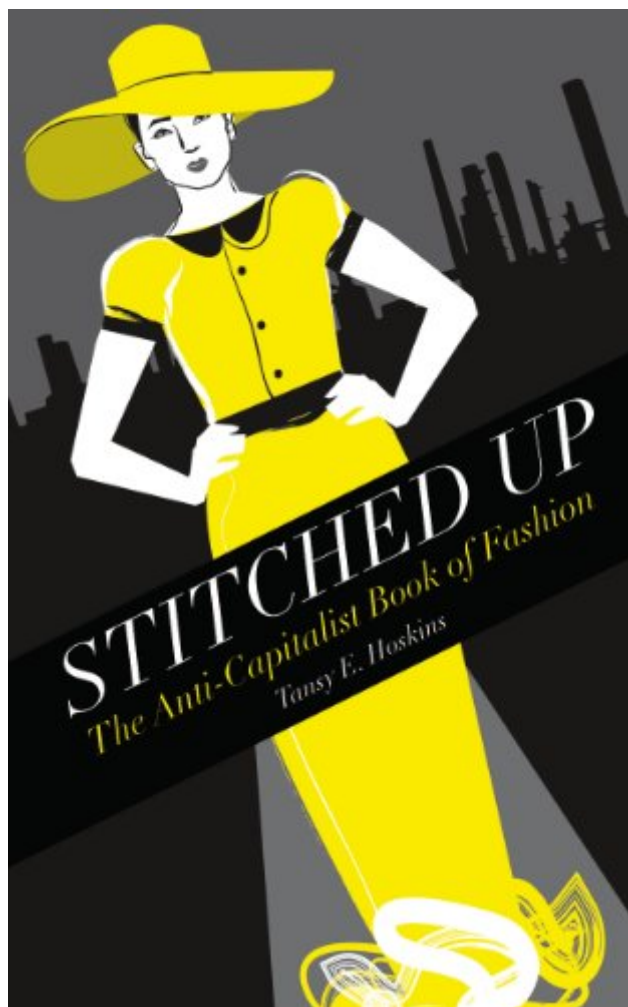


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# Stitched Up: The Anti-Capitalist Book Of Fashion (Counterfire)



## Synopsis

Beautifully illustrated with specially commissioned designs, *Stitched Up* delves into the alluring world of fashion to reveal what is behind the clothes we wear. Moving between Karl Lagerfeld and Karl Marx, the book explores consumerism, class and advertising to reveal the interests which benefit from exploitation. Tansy E. Hoskins dissects fashion's vampiric relationship with the planet and with our bodies to uncover what makes it so damaging. Why does 'size zero' exist and what is the reality of working life for models? In a critique of the portrayal of race in fashion, the book also examines the global balance of power in the industry. In a compelling conclusion *Stitched Up* explores the use of clothing to resist. Can you shock an industry that loves to shock? Is 'green fashion' an alternative? *Stitched Up* provides a unique critical examination of contemporary culture and the distorting priorities of capitalism.

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This is a uniquely critical and rather controversial examination of the fashion and clothing industry, which will be met with equal divergence of opinion. Some readers may find the author's blunt frankness too raw whilst many including myself will be inspired by such boldness and brilliance of

such writing. I loved how Tansy delves into the darkest corners of such a glamorous world, shedding a new light on one's perception and idea of this highly competitive and aggressive trade. Anyone interested or attached to conservation and the ecological and environmental issues that affect us all, will find themselves connecting intimately with the author's own personal views and opinions. The empathetic link between our planet and the booming fashion industry with Tansy's strong beliefs was admirable, hence I could not help but attach myself to what was written on the page. Profoundly thought provoking and deeply interesting this book was shocking, surprising and wholly unexpected. *Stitched Up* is such a compelling read that provides a supremely singular examination of contemporary culture and the distorting priorities of capitalism, as well as the balance of power in such a strong industry. Studying topics such as consumerism, exploitation and even racism. Tansy tackles head-on such important issues within an industry that is given rise to so many misconceptions and glossy façades with such passion and depth of emotion that you cannot help but feel enthused and touched. The beautiful, specially commissioned illustrations that adorn the pages add another layer of brilliance to this fantastic book.

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