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Like a sheep in wolf's clothing, the happiness of society is hidden inside women's wear.

It's in the pockets.



Or rather it's in the **lack** of pockets. No wonder we can't find that happiness!

POCKETS OF DESPAIR

There are not enough pockets for us women, and the ones we have are too small and oddly shaped, and hands do not fit into them.

And this is how half the world is dressed!

We have a pervasive despair: despair *for* a pocket, despair *about* a pocket. We are all despairing, many quietly but some with great vigor. Despairing and desperate, in our pockets of despair. De-spare me, please!

Oh, sure. You think right away of the happy pockets - pockets of joy, pockets of glee, pockets of exuberance. A pocketful of miracles! Well, although I enjoy being cheerful, maybe later. For the moment, the cheery pockets are all hidden by my disgruntledness. You may ultimately agree, and get into my snit and drive off with me. (You may prefer to get into the more compact and fuel-efficient huff. Get into what you wish, there is room on the road.) What's that? There are more important concerns in this modern world? I put forth the theory that all the world's problems are created, caused, and instigated by pockets.

Pockets can contain so much: cash and change, hankies and watches, joy and trouble, famine and war, invention and discovery... and also those stray ends of a tissue that twist off before you get to use it and fly from the pocket only in polite company.

Seems like everything is affected by pockets.

In this tidy volume, we will explore pockets. Hold on to your hat.

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CHAPTER 1 ECONOMY OF POCKETS

H ow do we decide what to wear on our bodies each day?

How do *you* decide? By the weather? The time of day, the time of year, the time of month? What your spouse likes? What you like? By where you're going? By your job? By your age?

Does some outside force make your decisions?

Do all your clothes follow the same functionality? Do you go to the department store and ask for a whole bunch of your favorite frilly tops in various colors and a