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Review

“Cline is the Michael Pollan of fashion...Hysterical levels of sartorial consumption are terrible for the environment, for workers, and even, ironically, for the way we look.”

—**Michelle Goldberg, Newsweek/The Daily Beast**

“How did Americans end up with closets crammed with flimsy, ridiculously cheap garments? Elizabeth Cline travels the world to trace the rise of fast fashion and its cost in human misery, environmental damage, and common sense.”

—**Katha Pollitt, columnist for The Nation**

“*Overdressed* is eye-opening and definitely turns retailing on its head. Cline’s insightful book reveals the serious problems facing our industry today. The tremendous values and advantages of domestic production are often ignored in favor of a price point that makes clothing disposable.”

—**Erica Wolf, executive director, Save the Garment Center**

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