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Class remains resolutely with us, as strongly as it did fifty years ago, and with it the idea of aspiration, of social mobility, which received wisdom tells us is an unequivocally positive phenomenon, for individuals and for society as a whole. Yet for the many millions who experience it, changing class is like emigrating from one side of the world to another: a lonely, anxious, psychologically disruptive process of uprooting, which leaves people divided between the place they left and the place they have to inhabit in order to get on. In this empathic, wry and passionate exploration of class in Britain today, Lynsey Hanley looks at how people are kept apart, and keep themselves apart - and the costs involved in the journey from 'there' to 'here'.

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Lynsey Hanley was raised just outside of Birmingham on one of the largest council estates in Europe, and lived for years on an estate in London's East End. Writing with passion, humour and a sense of history, she tells the story of estates in Britain through the prism of her own experience, challenges the stereotypes that estates have in Britain, and asks why homes that were built to improve people's lives ended up, in many cases, doing the opposite.