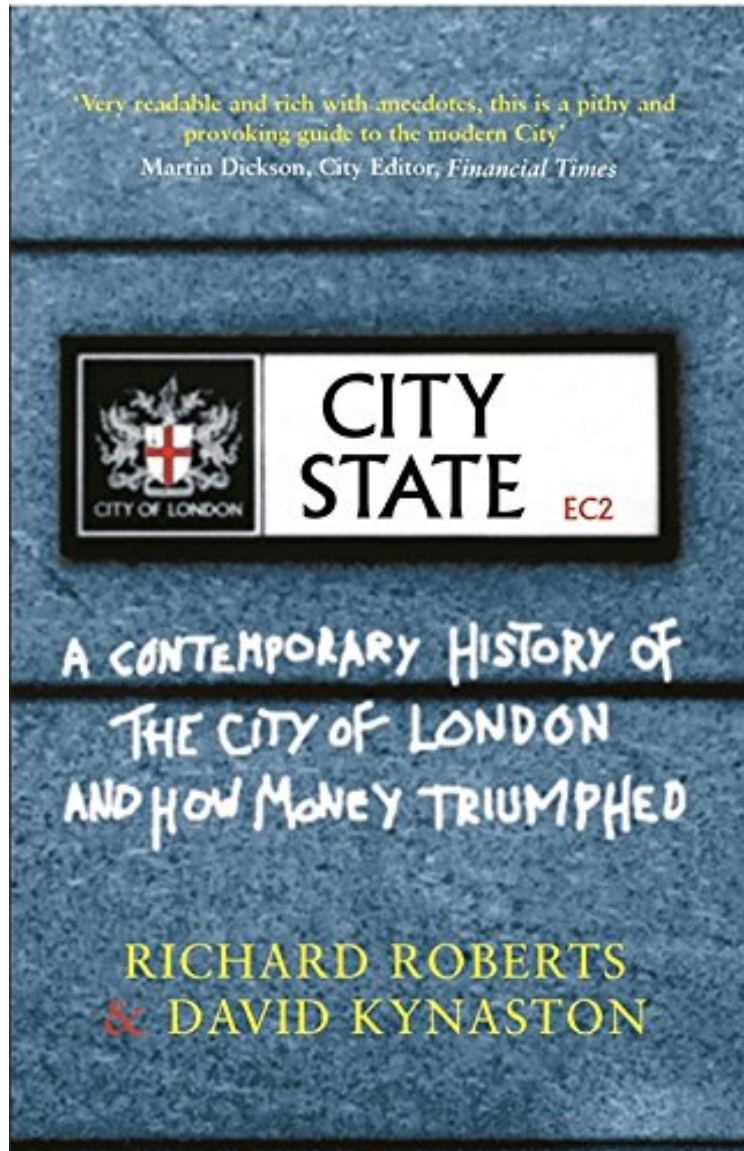


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British attitudes toward money-making in the 20th century, from austerity to semi-socialism to Thatcher to now. (Though also, as an American reader, I ended up on Wikipedia a lot, looking up references to British scandals, political parties and social movements.) The book is from 2002, and I'd love to read the next edition.

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