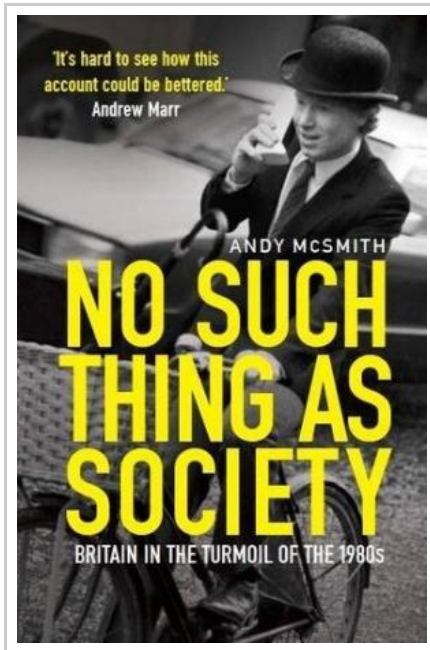




No Such Thing as Society: A History of Britain in the 1980s

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