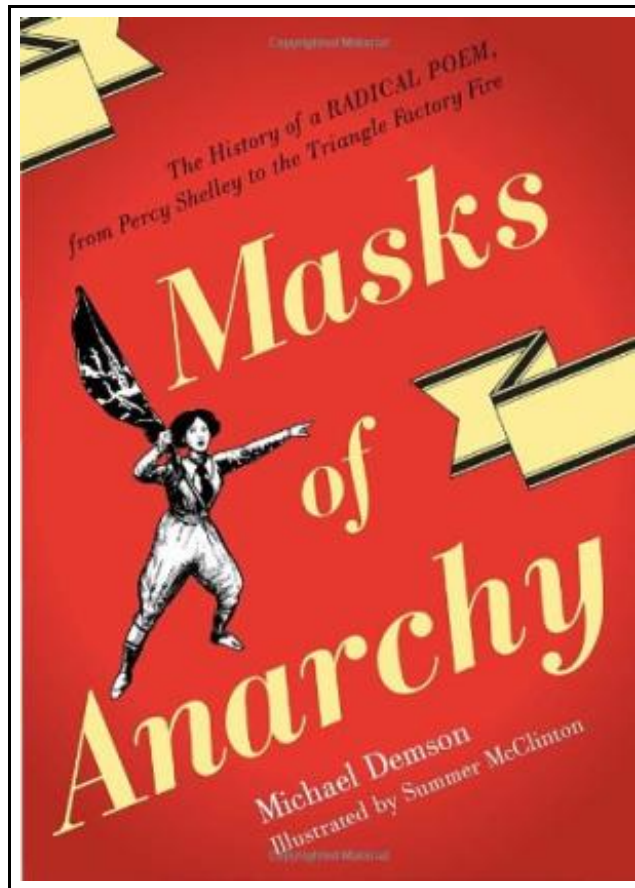# Masks of Anarchy: The History of a Radical Poem, from Percy Shelley to the Triangle Factory Fire

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