The Condition of the Working-Class in England in 1844

by Friedrich Engels (1820-1895)
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This is Engels' first book (since considered a classic account of England's working class in the industrial age), which argues that workers paid a heavy price for the industrial revolution that swept the country in the late 18th and 19th centuries. Engels wrote the piece while staying in Manchester from 1842 to 1844, basing it both on his observations and several contemporary reports conducted during the period.

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