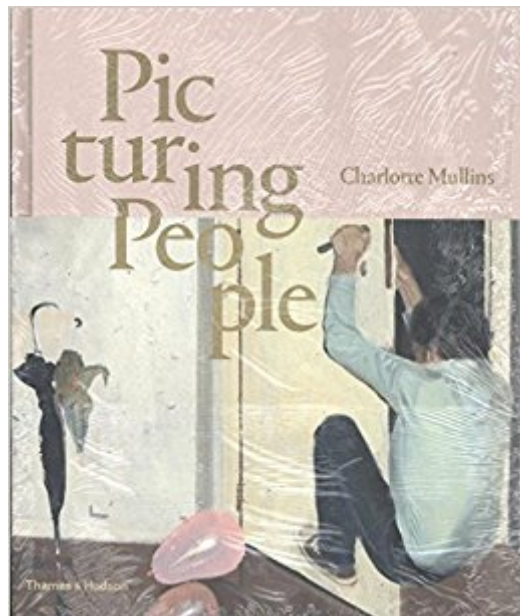


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Charlotte Mullins was educated at the Courtauld Institute of Art and Sotheby's Institute, London. A widely experienced broadcaster on both TV and radio, she has been the editor of Art Review, V&A Magazine, and Art Quarterly.

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