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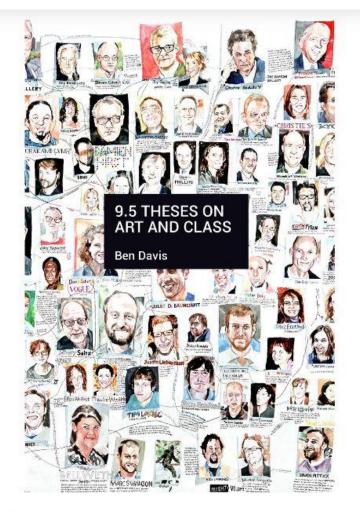
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## 8. 9.5 Theses on Art and Class by Ben Davis (Haymarket Books, 2013)

Though debates about money in the art world might strike some as new, *Artnet News* critic Ben Davis presaged certain conversations of the kind by years. His prescient analysis of how class struggle is inseparable from art-making helped shape the thought lines of the art world as it stands today, and it's worth reading even if just for a blistering essay that indicts a certain kind of art-world elite for partaking in what he terms "hipster aesthetics."