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“From the pages of *Vogue* to the front rows of Paris to her current country-girl home in rural England, Amanda Brooks's exciting life has encompassed the full sartorial spectrum. In *Always Pack a Party Dress*, clothes become the outer reflection of the private inner world, and her wise and practical meditations on style are really metaphors for how to live authentically and well.”—**Amy Astley**

“As someone who knows all too well the adrenaline-charged fashion scene from New York to Paris and beyond, as well as the simple joys of home and family life, I relished every page of *Always Pack a Party Dress*. Amanda beautifully untangles and analyzes all aspects of her twenty years in fashion, an act as thoughtful and generous as it is inspiring.”—**Laura Bailey**

“Amanda Brooks is the true American glamour girl! In her must-read book she offers candid style and career advice and, just as important, shows readers that a sense of humor and self-discovery is much more gratifying than striving for perfection.”—**Diane von Furstenberg**

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About the Author

Amanda Brooks is the author of *I Love Your Style: How to Define and Refine Your Personal Style* and *Always Pack a Party Dress: And Other Lessons Learned From a (Half) Life in Fashion*. She has written for the *T: The New York Times Magazine*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Vogue*, and *Men's Vogue*, where she wrote the popular online column "In Her Eyes." The former fashion director of Barney's New York and creative director of Tuleh, she has appeared as a fashion expert on *Today*, *The Early Show*, and NPR. She lives with her husband and their two children in Oxfordshire, England.

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