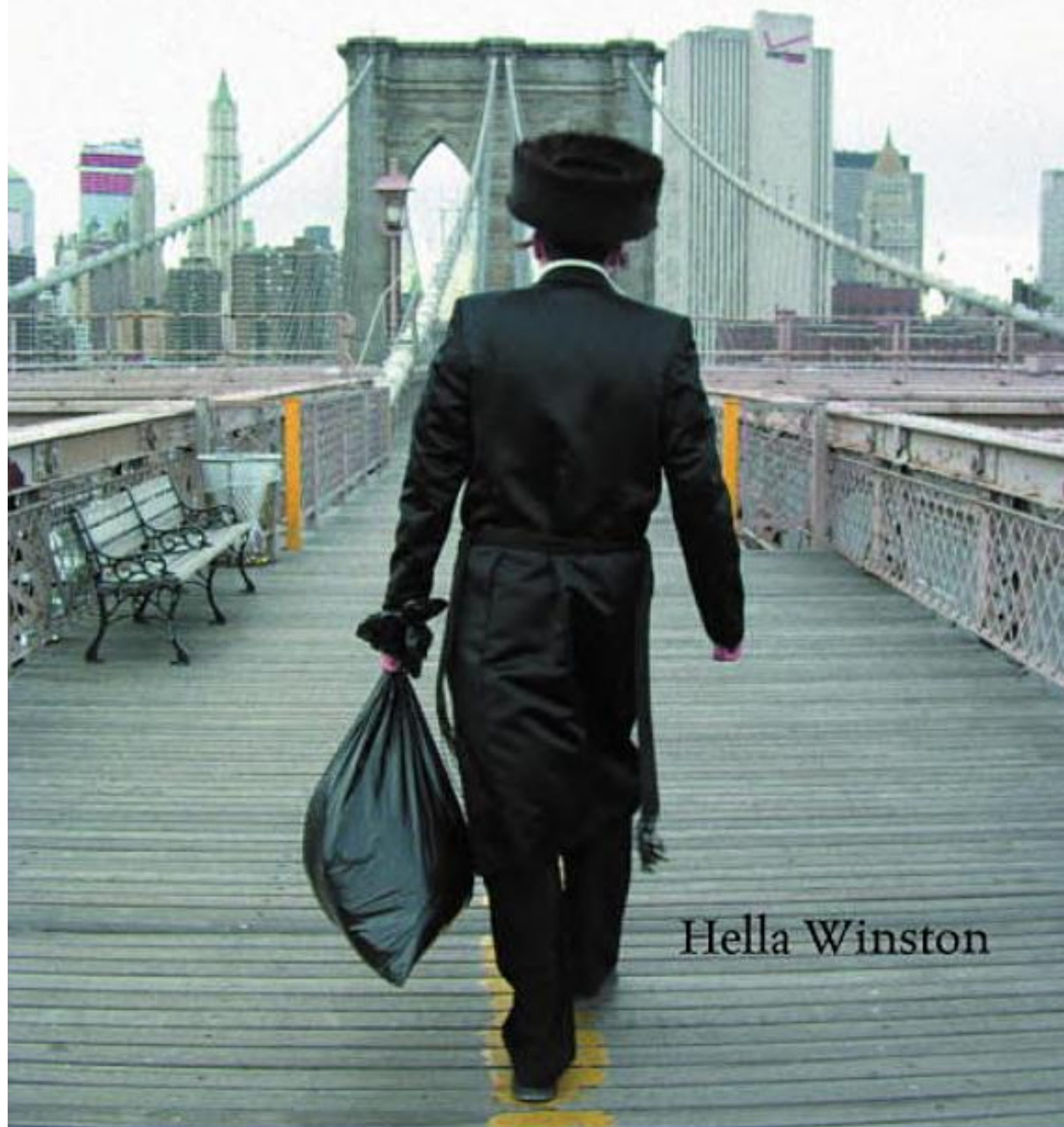


# Unchosen

*The Hidden Lives of Hasidic Rebels*

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