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Author Ruth Pittman writes with graceful ease and contagious enthusiasm about the missions, the gold rush, the rich cultural diversity, and issues as old as California--water, social programs, the environment, and more.

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