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**W**onderfully written and expertly researched, *California Indian Baskets* honors the cultural and artistic achievements of the First Californians. The book celebrates Native American art, history, culture, native plant uses, technology, population movements, and the sharing of ideas.

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