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Geochemist David Rickard explores pyrite's influence on human history, culture and science, and reveals how fool's gold became a universal symbol for everything overvalued.