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venerate the Constitution, "but all too seldom is it read." In American Epic, Epps takes us through a complete reading of the Constitution-- even the "boring" parts--to achieve an
