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inhuman forces of the biosphere, we may discover how to live with responsibility and serenity whatever may come."--Publisher's description

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