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first humans reached the Americas, these Ice Age giants vanished forever. In Once and Future Giants, science writer Sharon Levy digs

through the evidence surrounding Pleistocene large animal (""megafauna"") extinction events worldwide, showing that

understanding this history--and our part in it--is crucial for protecting the