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scientists, activists, and resource managers share their views and describe their work-tracing mercury through the aquatic ecosystem, finding ways to convert salt ponds back to tidal wetlands, anticipating the repercussions of climate change, and more. Fully illustrated and packed with stories, photos, and facts, the guide also tells how San Francisco Bay sparked an environmental movement that now reaches across the country.
