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“Not a rock goes unturned in [this book]. . . . They clearly explain—and spread—their passion for native landscapes.” —*Los Angeles Times*

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The most comprehensive guide to landscaping with California native plants.

In this innovative book, Greg Rubin and Lucy Warren explode the myth that home landscapes composed of native plants are scruffy and difficult to manage. By focusing on horticulture that's attuned to native plants, and by emulating natural ecology, the authors show how to create easy-maintenance native gardens that are beautiful year round.

About the Author

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