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“From the first page, exotic facts about fruit lead to hairpin turns into more exotic facts about fruit...a series of surprises, made delicious by a writer's skill.” (Dallas Morning News)

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