Americans have long believed that they have a special relationship with nature, as evidenced by their love of farmland, national parks, wildlife, and nature writing. Yet seldom have historians examined the extent to which nature was central to the most important events in the American past. In The Republic of Nature, Mark Fiege makes the case that nothing in the history of the United States—not even its most iconic moments—can be considered apart from the natural circumstances in which it occurred.

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