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Gustavo Arellano is a staff writer with OC Weekly, an alternative newspaper in Orange County, California. A familiar presence in Southern California radio as a frequent guest on liberal and conservative talk shows, Gustavo also writes “¡Ask a Mexican!” an irreverent and nationally syndicated column that won the 2006 Association of Alternative Weeklies Award. His latest book, Orange County, A Personal History, is part personal history, part cultural narrative, and all about revealing a suburban reality deeply at odds with the bucolic ideal of a place that's been mythologized for decades. Arellano explores a place he calls the Petri dish for America's continuing democratic experiment and delivers a prescient view of the new American landscape.

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