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Review

“Those who think no one walks in L.A. probably just need to know where to look. From the author of the popular guide *Secret Stairs* comes *Secret Walks*, a follow-up that introduces adventurous hikers to the best hidden walks and trails of the city.”—Larry Mantle, KPCC AirTalk

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