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With this book I both welcome into the world
my first grandchild,

Coco

and offer an admiring farewell to

Iris Chang

whose nobility, passion and courage
should serve as a model for all,
writers and newborn alike

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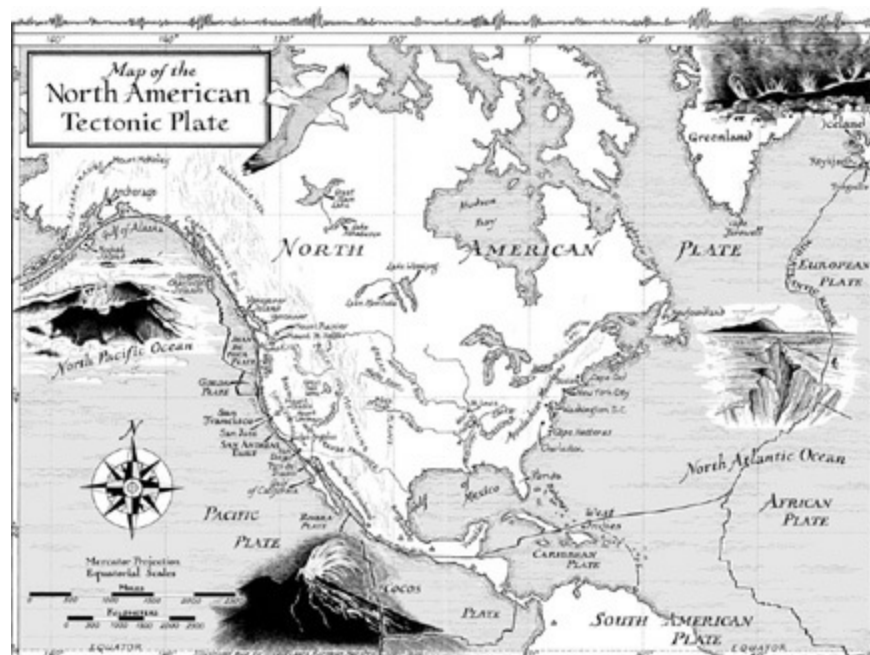
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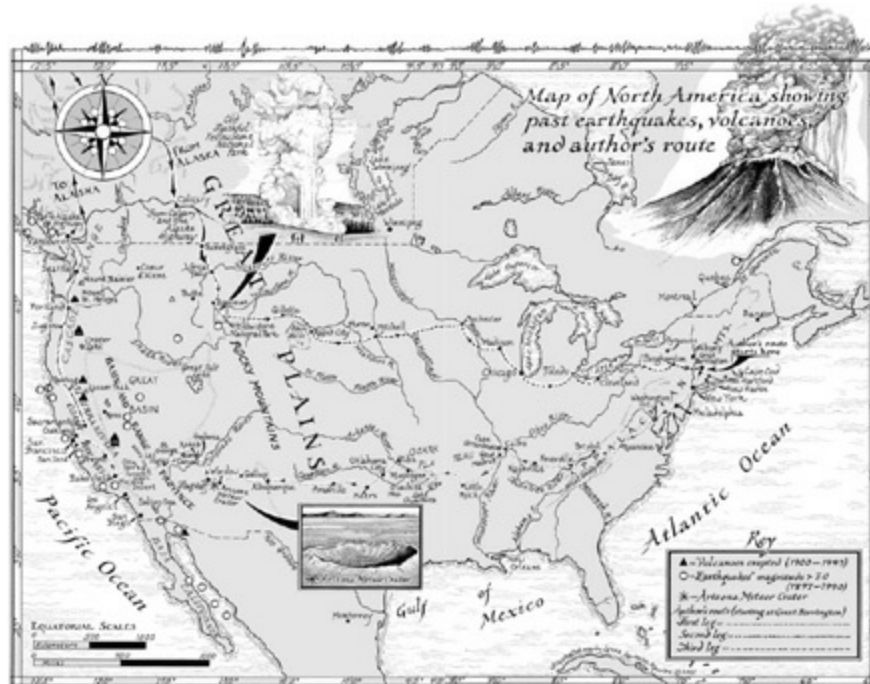
Not faintly. It has all time. It knows the people are a tide

That swells and in time will ebb, and all

Their works dissolve.

Robinson Jeffers, 'Carmel Point', 1954





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