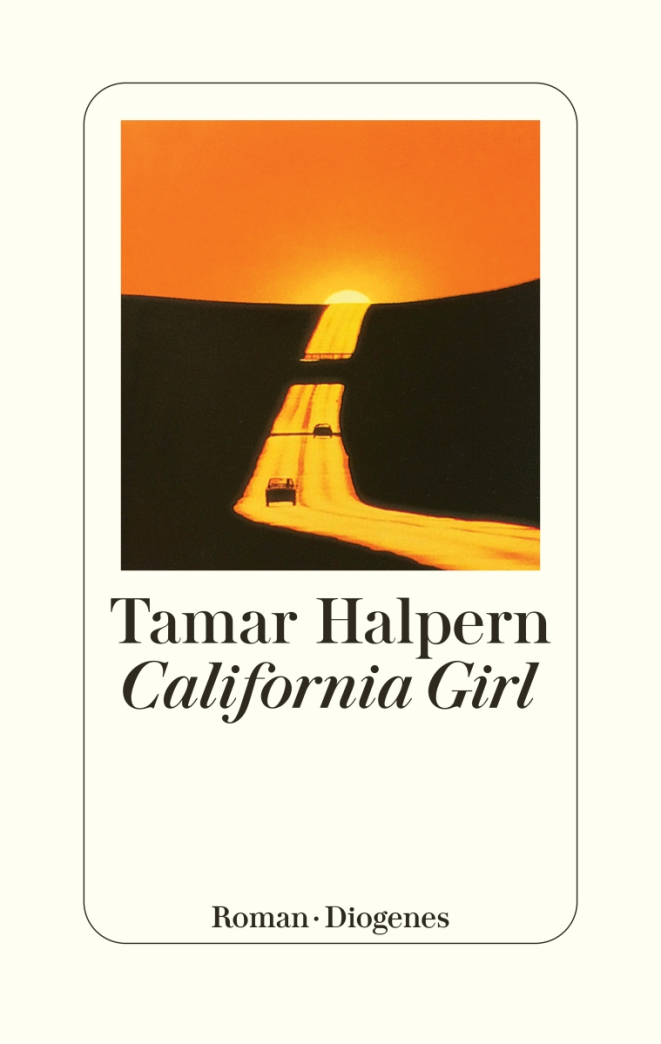
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»I think this is even more beautiful to read when you're not a teenager anymore.« – Eleni Efthimiou / rbb, Berlin

California in the 80's. Los Angeles and the Bay Area. A teen girl named T.
T is court-ordered to fly between the San Fernando Valley, where her bohemian artist mother collects ex-husbands, and Berkeley, where her theoretical physicist father both explains and creates entropy. As her country struggles with AIDS, Reaganomics, and ›Just Say No‹, T's actions mirror the same trajectory, moving from innocence to innocence lost.
This raw memoir by filmmaker Tamar Halpern pinpoints the tender shift from girlhood to womanhood amid the chaos of the early 1980's, bringing consumerism, nihilism, sex, drugs and a look back that asks, *How did we get here?*

»We are liars surrounded by lies and if I'm going to tell you what happened, I'm going to have to lie to you, too. Otherwise it wouldn't be true.«
Tamar Halpern



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