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By RON ARIAS

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Ron Arias has also written a novel, *The Road to Tamazunchale*, which was nominated for a National Book Award; *Healing from the Heart*, with Dr. Mehmet Oz, and the forthcoming *Moving Target: A Memoir of Pursuit*. An avid sea kayaker, he is married and living in Hermosa Beach, Calif.

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