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Golden Rules: The Origins of California Water Law in the Gold Rush (Markets and Governments in Economic History)

Golden Rules: The Origins of California Water Law was published in 2016. It explores the origins of California water law in the gold rush era, focusing on the interplay between economic incentives and institutional development. The book argues that the adoption of water laws during the gold rush was a result of the unique conditions of the period, including the rapid growth of population and the need for effective water management.

The book's analysis of California water law is grounded in a rich historical context, including the development of water markets and the challenges of water management in a rapidly growing population. It discusses the role of market forces and government policies in shaping the evolution of water law, and how these factors continue to influence water governance today.

The Origins of California Water Law (Markets and Governments in Economic History) is a significant contribution to the field of water law and economics. It provides a compelling account of how water law emerged in a specific historical context and how it has evolved over time. The book is a valuable resource for scholars and practitioners interested in the development of water law and its role in shaping economic and institutional outcomes.