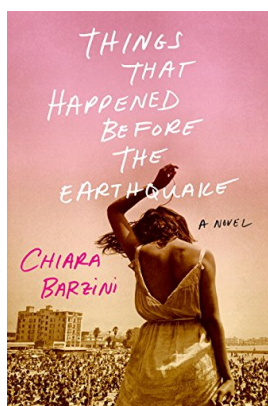


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Mere weeks after the 1992 riots that laid waste to Los Angeles, Eugenia, a typical Italian teenager,

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