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In conjunction with a long-awaited, ongoing U.S. exhibition of the artist's jewelry, this comprehensive volume thoughtfully examines Lalique's innovations and immense creativity. -- *Country Inns*, November/December 1998

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