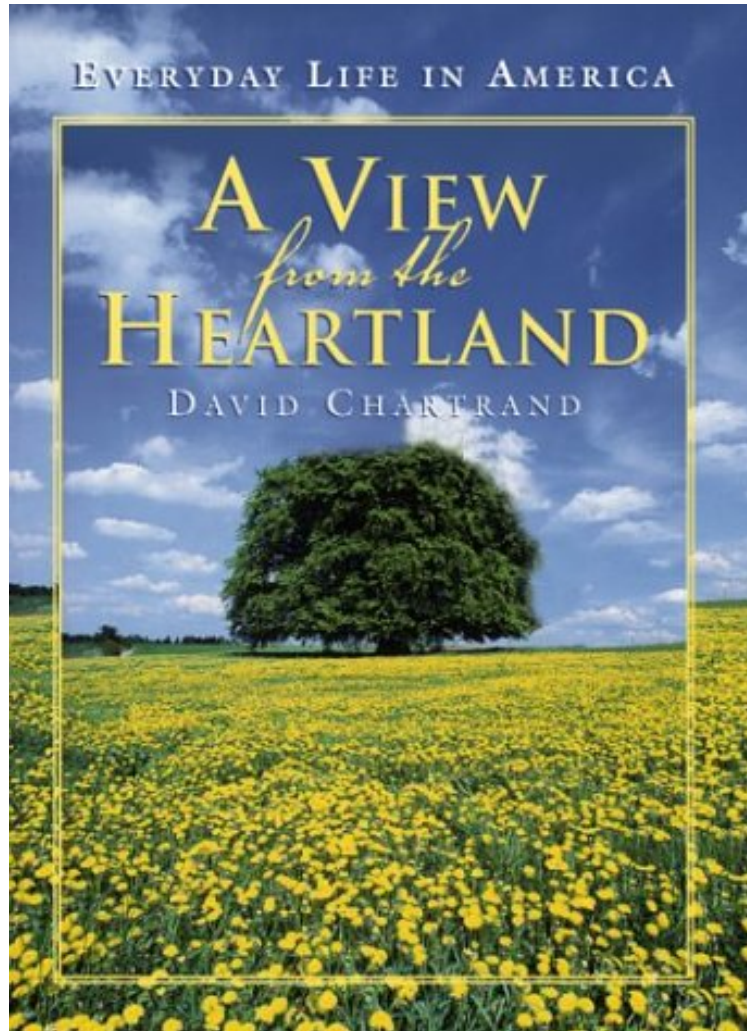


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Many a lucky newspaper has on its staff a columnist with a gift for portraying everyday life -- observations that make

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