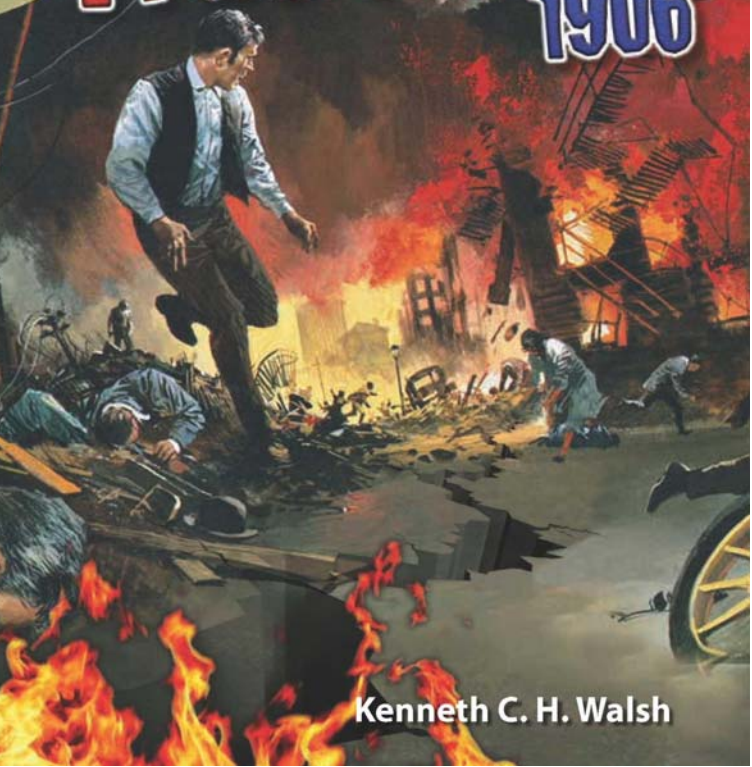


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Goodnight, San Francisco

It's another beautiful San Francisco sunset. Under the shades of pink and gold, dockworkers, shopkeepers, and business people head home. It is the evening of April 17, 1906. It has been a day like any other for the citizens of the city. San Francisco is alive and buzzing.

The city has grown immensely over the last 60 years. With a population of over 400,000 people, it is the ninth-largest city in the United States. Following the California Gold Rush, San Francisco is the economic center of the West Coast. The bustling city is located right on a bay. Because of this prime location, San Francisco is the busiest port in the region, and it is here that countless ships are loaded and sent all around the world. The city is even referred to as the "gateway to the Pacific" because of its links to the rest of the world.

Unstable Ground

San Francisco sits on the San Andreas **Fault**. This is a strike-slip fault, where the Pacific Plate moves northwest relative to its neighbor, the North American Plate. The San Andreas Fault is among the most active fault lines in the world, and earthquakes along it are common.

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