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Corinne Lathrop Gilb conceived of *Hidden Hierarchies* in 1949, when her research for the California State Bar aroused her interest in the legal profession. After three years as a special student at the University of California Law School, six years heading two oral history projects at the university, and extensive experience in politics and government, she obtained a Social Science Research Council grant to enable her to continue her study of the professions. She traveled to twelve countries to interview representatives of the professions and government.

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