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"A well-written, practical guide for parents and practitioners working with children with additional needs, providing a comprehensive overview of the field and rooted in a desire to facilitate effective support and to enable children to fulfill their potential." (SEN Magazine, United Kingdom 2008-06-12)

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