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From the Back Cover

An up-to-date look at assistive technology focusing on using tools, technologies, and the Internet in the classroom and curriculum.

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- *Internet resources.* Weblinks are provided to further explore content related to the chapter.

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