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and deal with many current issues as well being presented at a level that is appropriate level for college students in developmental reading classes. Having a theme for each chapter brings cohesiveness to all the work in each chapter."

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