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## **Editorial Review**

### **Review**

“A comprehensive, contemporary and coherent synthesis of the important issues concerning severe disabilities today and for the coming decade . . . simultaneously authoritative and progressive.”  
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