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"Professionals and families need to work together to help people with eating disorders. This book tells us why this is true and offers specific strategies to make it happen. This is a terrific book and long overdue!" -
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Gerald Russell, Maudsley Hospital, London, UK

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