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The book is straightforward and easy for undergraduate and introductory students to comprehend. (Amy Cook 2011-10-31)

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