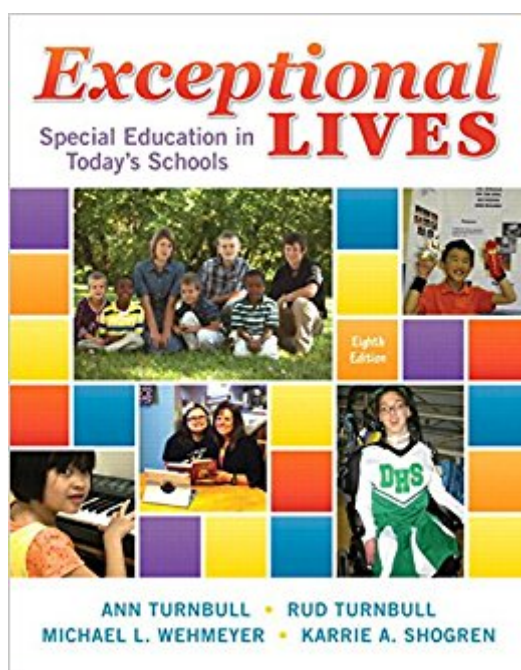


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Ann Turnbull has been a professor, teacher, researcher, and advocate for individuals with disabilities, their families, and service providers for 4 decades. She is currently the Ross and Marianna Beach Distinguished Professor of Special Education and Co-director of the Beach Center on Disability at the University of Kansas. In 1988, Ann was the co-founder of the Beach Center on Disability which is a vital hub of national and international research and development on contemporary issues impacting the quality of life for individuals with disabilities and their families. In 1999, she was selected by 7 professional and family organizations as one of 36 individuals who "changed the course of history for individuals with intellectual disabilities in the 20th century." Ann has provided leadership in national professional and family organizations, including being the President of the American Association on Intellectual Disabilities. She was selected in 1990 for the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy International Leadership Award, as well as for The Arc's Distinguished Research Award in 2004. In addition to her professional credentials, she is the parent of three children, one of whom, Jay (1967-2009), was an adult son with multiple disabilities who had what Ann describes as an "enviable life" in terms of his inclusion; productivity; and contributions to his family, friends, and community. Rud Turnbull III, a self-described student of the human condition in a disability policy context, is a researcher, teacher, consultant, and advocate in the field of developmental disabilities. With his wife Ann, he is co-founder and co-director of the Beach Center on Disabilities. He is a Distinguished Professor, in special education, and is also Professor of Law at the University of Kansas Law School. His research has addressed nearly 20 different issues of disability policy and has qualified him to be an expert witness before Congressional committees and draftsman of state and federal statutes, regulations, and proclamations. He has served as chairman of the board of trustees of the Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law; president, American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disability; chairman, American Bar Association Commission on Disability Law; secretary, The Arc of the United States; and treasurer, The Association for Persons with Severe Disabilities. He has received peer recognition as one of 36 people who, in the 20th Century, "changed the course of history in mental retardation." He is a graduate of Kent School, Kent, CT; Johns Hopkins University; University of Maryland Law School; and Harvard Law School (post-graduate degree). Michael L. Wehmeyer, is Professor of Special Education; Director, Kansas University Center on Developmental Disabilities; and Senior Scientist and Co-Director, Beach Center on Disability, all at the University of Kansas. Dr. Wehmeyer has directed

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Although this book does provide much helpful information, I was particularly struck by the inadequacy of the gifted student chapter. It perpetuates the misunderstanding that gifted students' exceptional needs lie primarily within the scope of academic issues. Most educators and administrators do not understand the social and emotional needs of gifted students. To better serve gifted students teachers and administrators should be familiar with theories such as Dabrowski's Theory of Positive Disintegration, as it is applied to the study of gifted students. The concept of "overexcitabilities" is relevant and constructive, and when educators are ignorant of how giftedness may manifest itself in students, behaviorally, emotionally, and socially, they may actually cause

harm to such children.

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