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"Presenting a highly informative volume that addresses diverse aspects of developmental motor disorders, the editors have done justice to the considerable complexity of this topic. Authors provide clinically relevant discussions of a wide range of disorders, comorbidities, assessment instruments, and management approaches. They also describe methodologies for analysis of neuromotor deficits, show how these deficits are fundamental to understanding the biological bases of the disorders in which they are embedded, and highlight theoretical formulations. This book is clearly a 'consciousness raiser' with regard to the significance of motor status for both clinical care and research. Richly referenced and including contributions from experts from several disciplines, the volume will serve as both a source of current knowledge and a catalyst for further investigation."--H. Gerry Taylor, PhD, Department of Pediatrics, Case Western Reserve University and Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital

"This is perhaps the most comprehensive review of developmental motor disorders yet published, and one that will be of interest to the wide range of therapists, medical professionals, and educators who share an interest in this area. The knowledge and expertise of the contributing authors is outstanding. Every chapter covers the most exciting new research in the field, and could be used as a stand-alone review of the topic at hand. Taken as a whole, the volume provides a complete overview of the theoretical and practical problems to be solved if we are to find the best ways of helping children with movement disorders to move with fluency and ease. I could easily see this book serving as a core text within graduate programs that include coursework on motor development or disorders."--Sheila Henderson, PhD, Institute of Education, University of London, UK

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