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“The book provides a logical, practical classification of melanocytic lesions, using the terminology most frequently used in dermatopathology laboratories. ... This is a necessary book that provides useful information for both clinicians and pathologists. ... This is a unique, comprehensive source of information for melanocytic lesion histopathology, and a likely must have for pathologists, dermatopathologists, and dermatologists.” (Susan M. Swetter, Doody’s Book Reviews, April, 2014)

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