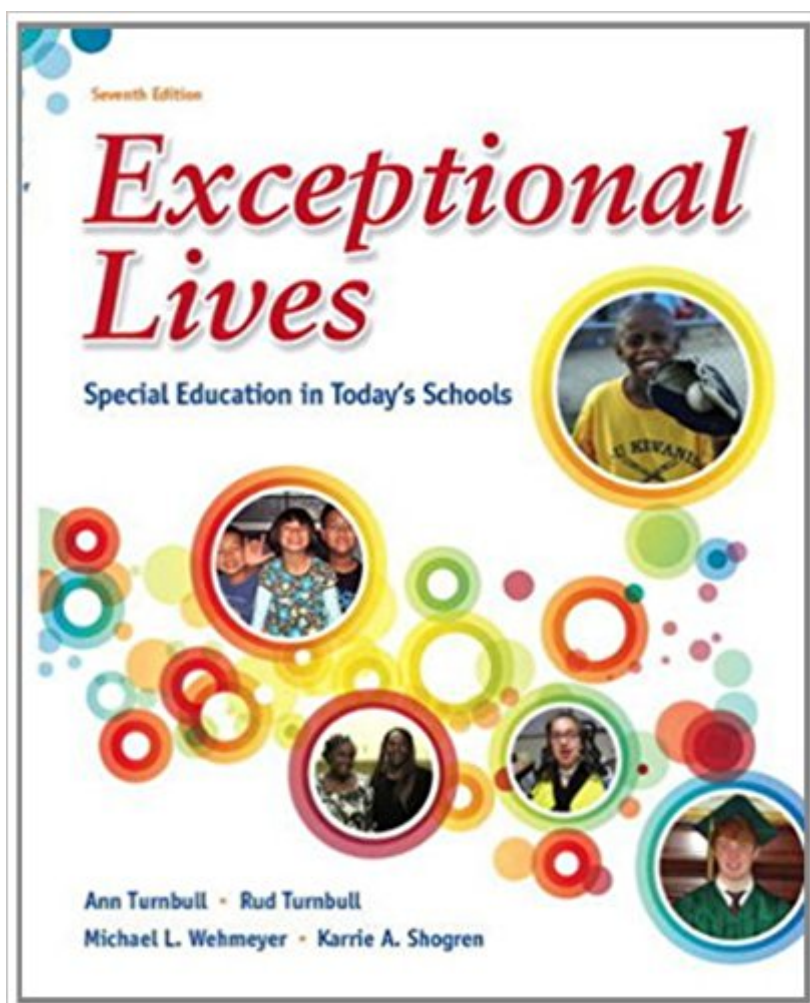


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Through real-life stories about children, their families, and their teachers, and through the use of the most recent evidence-based research on special education, this important book provides a comprehensive introduction to special education and its relationship to general education. The seventh edition provides this experience within the framework of three guiding themes: Inclusion, Partnerships, and Universal Design for Progress. Long noted for its focus on progress in general education through inclusion, families, and parent-professional partnerships, the new seventh edition of *Exceptional Lives: Special Education in Today's Schools*, now includes a "Universal Design for Progress" feature in every chapter which highlights a technology that can be used to meet the needs of students with disabilities. This text stands out from the crowd with its strong belief in the capacity of special educators, general educators, related service professionals, and families to collaborate with one another for inclusion, and that inclusion is not only possible but desirable.

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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.

The content is good. The quality of the book is garbage. I paid so much money for this book and it is flimsy. The paper is so thin that when I highlight anything, I can see it on the other page. If I have any remnants of lotion or regular skin oils on my hand, it smears the ink. Seriously. It is what makes me most angry about most of the textbooks I've received that are published by Pearson.

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