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"This book is must reading for all who practice marital and sex therapy. The case studies really bring the technology to life. Approaches that seem abstract and technical are transformed into personal, humanistic accounts of change. Plain and simple, it is a great book." --Neil S. Jacobson, Ph.D.

"This extraordinary book is must reading for all sex therapists, couple therapists, and family therapists. Rosen and Leiblum, leading sex therapist experts for over two decades, have pulled together many of the most experienced and creative therapists in the field to offer fascinating clinical descriptions of their evolving work. We live in a time of changing mores regarding sexual behavior, which make our knowledge of sex therapy all the more important. This book shows a broad range of sophisticated approaches to sex therapy, which take into account the complexities of biological, psychological, couple, family of origin, life cycle, and systems issues. The cases are compelling, well written, described with all the vicissitudes of human problems. There is no magic here, just solid, thoughtful, creative approaches to real life clinical issues." --Monica McGoldrick. A.C.S.W., Ph.D., Director, Family Institute of New Jersey

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