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From Publishers Weekly

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Contains a valuable lode of practical and research-based advice about how to improve our schools. --
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