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"I sat down with the Friend text after receiving it for the first time and read a chapter from the first page to the last, almost like reading a novel. This motivated me to make a text change almost immediately."

Theresa Pedersen,
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"The chapter on collaboration is an excellent addition that most texts of this type do not include. I know this is an area of specialization for Dr. Friend, and I believe it is a unique, positive feature of this text. None of the introductory texts I've looked at have had such a thorough introduction to this topic."

Cynthia Herr,
University of Oregon

"...The BEST chapter on Hearing Impairments that I have ever read. This chapter would convince me to adopt this book. Well done."

Pamela Brillante,
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"...the opening stories set the tone for the entire chapter. These stories are the best... I look forward to these as a lead into each section. They make the text come alive!"

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"I like the balance Marilyn achieves between professional delivery and family need. This degree of collaboration is long overdue and is welcomed. The features associated with the chapter compliment the text, but do not overwhelm the reader."

James A. Siders,
The University of Alabama

"...a text that I would be very interested in adopting for our class. The primary reason relates to the focus on the "new" role of special education teachers that is evolving from the NCLB Act and is anticipated from the re-authorization of IDEA. This is new territory and I appreciate the author going into it."

Philip Lee Gunter,
Valdosta State University

"This will be my text of choice when I next teach the Intro to Special Ed course. I like the content, the format, and the features."

Mary Bierne-Smith,

The University of Alabama

“I would like to commend Prof. Friend on her thorough presentation of the many issues and challenges faced by teachers of children with special needs. [...] I recommend this book to all who are committed to providing quality education to all populations.”

*Deena K Bernstein,
Lehman College / CUNY*

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James A. Siders—The University of Southern Mississippi

“One strength of the text is that ...the parents are clearly included as a component of the team rather than an “outside party”.”

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This exciting new text’s contemporary treatment of special education prepares teachers for their role in the education and well being of students with special needs. Some features include ...

- **Real People, Real Stories:** *Special Education* bring the experience of people with disabilities to life for your students. The text includes powerful stories of people with disabilities and the stories of the people who live and work with them.
- **Validated Teaching Practices:** This text is filled with information and teaching approaches, strategies, and tips based on validated, peer-reviewed research findings.
 - “Specialized Instruction” highlights teaching applications for intensive instruction delivered by special education teachers in various educational settings.
 - “Inclusion Matters” presents teaching applications for students with various needs in general education settings.
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- **Unique Content Coverage:** Recurring sections in all chapters include discussion of critical areas such as content area learning, social and emotional characteristics, early childhood, transition, parents and families, inclusive practices, best educational practices, and current trends and issues.

About the Author

Marilyn Friend, Ph.D., has spent her career as a general education teacher, special education teacher, teacher

educator, and staff developer. She is currently Chairperson and Professor of Education in the Department of Specialized Education Services at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro where she teaches coursework on inclusive practices and collaboration among service providers. She has consulted with school professionals nationally and internationally as they collaborate to educate their students, assisting them to form productive and efficient work teams, to learn the best ways to manage awkward or adversarial conversations, and to communicate effectively with parents. Her particular areas of interest include skills for collaboration, co-teaching, inclusive school practices, team building, shared problem solving, interpersonal communication, and home-school communication. She is the author (with Dr. Lynne Cook) of *Interactions: Collaboration Skills for School Professionals*, 5/e (c) 2007 and (with Dr. William Bursuck) *Including Students with Special Needs: A Practical Guide for Classroom Teachers*, 4e (c) 2006.

In addition, Dr. Friend...

- has made over 1000 presentations to educators in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Asia.
- has published over 40 articles on topics related to collaboration and inclusive practices.
- has co-produced a videotape *The Power of Two* (1995) on co-teaching (two teachers working together in a single classroom) distributed by CEC as well as one called *Complexities of Collaboration* (2000) on common dilemmas that occur when professionals work closely together.
- was recipient of a Fulbright Award to work with educators in Portugal on topics related to professional collaboration and parent communication.
- has been both a classroom teacher and a special education teacher.

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