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- Provides an overview of the CDIO approach, then chapters organized according to the CDIO Standards;
- Includes in each chapter objectives, discussion questions, case studies and clear diagrams to support key concepts and processes;
- Avoids the jargon of education specialists and clearly explains education terms in the context of their initial presentation.

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