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'This book deserves to become hugely popular with the wide range of students currently working towards early childhood studies qualifications at a range of levels: but is also a very valuable tool for more experienced early years professionals keen to develop their skills as reflective practitioners'

-Early Years Update

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