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*"Medical students, in particular, will find it a valuable guide and friendly companion in finding their way through the maze of complications surrounding the autoimmune diseases."* --Noel Rose, Director, Johns Hopkins Center for Autoimmune Disease Research

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