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The Complete Directory for People with Disabilities

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“This massive directory (more than 1,000 pages) begins with an introduction, glossary, user guide, and user key. The table of contents lists the 31 chapters and more than 100 subchapters, facilitating use. The directory will save busy caregivers and professionals time by providing reliable information in a straightforward manner. Here users will find information on such things as camps (listed by state), education (both general listings and listings by state), independent living centers (listed by state), services for veterans (including both federal and state), and federal and state agencies. The table of contents allows users to skip directly to an entry, but guide words at the top of the page help those who want to thumb through the volume. In addition there are three indexes that refer to directory listings by entry number: "Entry & Publisher Index," "Geographic Index," and "Subject Index." Once an entry is located, users will find basic contact information, the name or names of key executives, a brief description, and more (book listings, for example, will provide an ISBN number, price, and number of pages). The title is also available at <http://gold.greyhouse.com>. Recommended for academic, medical, and public libraries.”

-ARBA

“This carefully organized reference work is more than just a comprehensive resource for individuals with disabilities and those dedicated to supporting them. It includes entries ranging from national and state agencies and associations that focus on people with disabilities to manufacturers of assistive technology devices. It also proves to be an effective teaching tool.

The purpose of this directory is to connect people living with disabilities with the information that allows them to “succeed at work, in school, and in their community.” The book succeeds not only supplying contact information, websites, and brief descriptions of nearly 9,000 unique listings, but also by making the information easy to access.

The audience includes individuals with disabilities and those who are responsible for caring for them. The book is written in easy-to-understand language, and includes a glossary of disability-related terms that encourages further comprehension. This feature demonstrates why it is appropriate for a diverse audience, and why it can be very useful in both public and a special library setting.

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In addition to the glossary, the book includes a timely essay from the National Council on Disability entitled "Bullying and Students with Disabilities" as well as a section dedicated to a "People First Language" schema that advocates the term, "a person who has a disability" rather than, "the disabled." The data are organized in an entry index, geographic index, and subject index, so that readers can quickly find the information they seek no matter their search strategy.

This directory is very helpful in fostering an increased understanding of the resources available to individuals with disabilities. The directory itself is very accessible, and the features in the front matter take the book from a sourcebook to something of added value that can enlighten those who know little about the terms associated with people with disabilities."

-CHOICE

"The strength of this source is in the information referral portion for each entry: the wide range of resources and organizations presented that can assist with additional information and support. This resource is most appropriate for public libraries and academic libraries that field questions for the disabled and their family members."

-ARBA

"Intended for individuals with disabilities, service providers, and family members and friends, this directory is a massive guide to a wide variety of resources and services. Overall, this directory would be a valuable resource for public and academic libraries as well as for social service professionals in related fields."

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"...this fully updated register contains the most current contact information for more than 9000 funding resources, government agencies, support services, research centers, and product suppliers. A critical addition to public libraries and assisted living facilities."

- *Library Journal*

"Reliable and comprehensive, this resource offers coverage of an extensive range of products and services for people with disabilities... The consistent arrangement of entries allows for effortless movement between chapters, sections and topics... materials [are] easily accessible; breadth across topics and resources...and thorough contact information make up for any deficiency in depth. Recommended for all readers."

- *Choice*

"This is a one-stop sourcebook linking disabled persons with specialized products, resources, books and services. Creating a starting point for individuals and professionals, the directory is complete...information is easy to access. No other reference tool exists to meet the special needs of the disabled in one convenient resource for information."

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“The Complete Directory for People with Disabilities has emerged as a vital tool for locating resources and services for people with physical and mental disabilities...The most directly comparable work, Resources for People with Disabilities: A National Directory, is not updated as often...and is not as well indexed. Libraries considering purchase of either should go with The Complete Directory for People with Disabilities.”

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“There are other directories for the disabled...but none contain the breadth of information. The disabled, their families and professionals working them will find them invaluable resources... Academic and medical libraries serving professionals should purchase.”

- *Reference Books Bulletin*

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