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"Engagingly written, *Monarchs and Milkweed* is the best book on monarch biology that I have ever read."

—STEPHEN B. MALCOLM, Western Michigan University



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