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"For readers new to brain-based education, as well as those already familiar with US counterparts on learning and the brain, McNeil's work offers yet another layer of insights into this very important topic." (L. O. Wilson 2010-04-01)

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