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
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"This is an outstanding book that covers emission tomography with great clarity and detail with contributions by many of the most prominent scientists in the field. It belongs (opened) on the desk of all graduate students and scientists working in medical radionuclide imaging."

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