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Comprehensive investigation into the emerging advanced materials industry, addressing the ways in which science, technology, business, and markets are converging to produce one of the most dynamic industries of recent yearsExamines the major groups of advanced materials and discusses the range of markets and industries to which these materials are, or are likely to be, appliedOrganised thematically, with each chapter discussing a particular phase of an advanced material product's life cycleAlso includes in-depth interviews and internal documentationEssential reading for

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