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The book deals with an environmentally important family of polymers that is designed to be disposed of in industrial and municipal compost facilities after their useful life. These compostable plastics undergo degradation and leave no visible, distinguishable or toxic residue. Environmental concerns and legislative measures taken in different regions of the world make composting an increasingly attractive route for the disposal of redundant polymers. This book provides up-to-date results and information about compostable polymer materials in a coherent and comprehensive manner. It cov

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