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This book shows administrators and teachers what they can do to make their students' ninth grade experience a successful one. Practical and research-based, this book showcases strategies to help you reduce your dropout rate, enhance student achievement, and provide a safe environment for your ninth grade students.

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