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With relevant, realistic, and easily accessible information, this book covers a wide array of issues pertinent to one of the most important milestones of a graduate education—the creation of a dissertation. It is an outstanding book, and adopting it may only lead to better guidance on my part, and success for my students. (Alexis O. Miranda, California Lutheran University)

Destination Dissertation is a great addition to any course that seeks to explain the dissertation process to students. Helpful advice and guidance is plentiful and the step-by-step process of completing a dissertation offered by Foss and Waters will help students view the journey as one they can navigate. (Mary Madden, University of Maine)

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