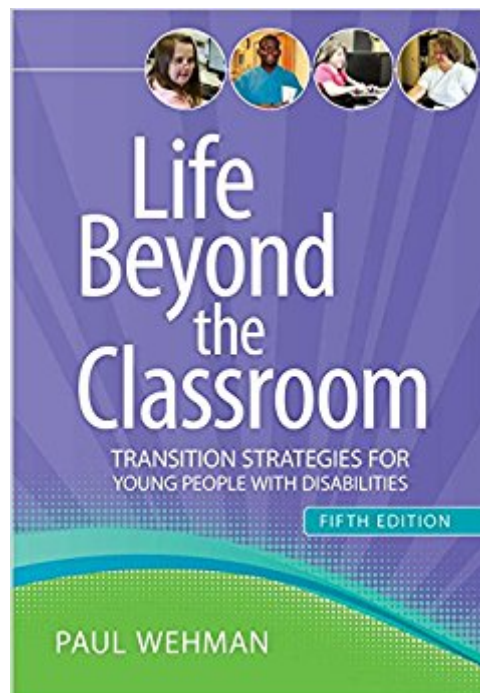




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# **Life Beyond The Classroom: Transition Strategies For Young People With Disabilities, Fifth Edition**



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"An excellent real-world look at transition services . . . an asset to new and current staff entering the field of transition services education." (Richard L. Rosenberg, Ph.D.)

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Life beyond the classroom is the perfect book for anyone who is hoping to become a special educator. The text gives a lot of information to make sure you successfully help students transition



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