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Key Features

- **Coverage of all aspects of K-12 online education** shows educators how to move classrooms from traditional to online settings and how to build 21st century skills such as problem solving, synthesizing, use of networks and workgroups, cultural and global awareness and the ability to communicate effectively in multiple media.
- **An overview of key principles of effective online instruction** emphasizes the power of learner-centeredness and how this framework drives online teaching and its core methods such as active participation, collaboration and community building, and authentic assessments.

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- ***Voices from the Field vignettes*** feature comments and quotes from teachers and add a real world approach to the text.

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Editorial Review

Review

While I have a great deal of experience teaching online as do my colleagues, we are commonly asking ourselves if we are doing the right thing and if there is a better way to teach online. This book would help to answer some of the questions that our teachers have about teaching strategies as well as reaffirm some of the strategies that they already have in place.

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I would definitely highly recommend this to all new teachers; I would also highly recommend this for veteran online teachers as well.

Bradley R. Mitchell, Training Coordinator, South Carolina Virtual School Program – SC Department of Ed, Columbia, South Carolina

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