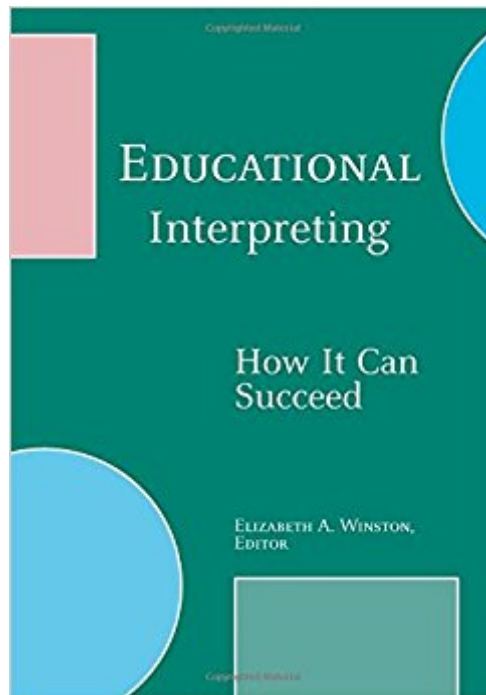




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Customer Reviews

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This was a great overview of Educational Interpreting. There was a lot of great information here.

Meticulously compiled and expertly edited by Elizabeth A. Winston, *Educational Interpreting: How It Can Succeed* is a scholarly anthology of essays by learned authors concerning the strengths and weaknesses of the practice of educational interpreting for deaf students. The contributors are all experts in the field and include former educational interpreters, teachers of deaf students, interpreter trainers, and deaf recipients of interpreted education. Divided into three sections - one focusing on deaf students themselves and the language myths that surround them, one raising questions about the support and training that interpreters have in and from the school systems, and one considering suggestions for improving the problems facing interpreted education, and how to improve situations for educational interpreters. A welcome contribution to deaf studies and a critical assessment of the skill of educational interpretation itself.

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