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Robert F. Keating
To my wife, Susan, and my boys, Douglas and Gregory, many thanks for the never-ending support and countless laughs along the way.

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James Tait Goodrich
In infinito vacuo, ex fortuitâ atomorum collisione!
[Fortunately the gods have allowed me more than just one fortunate collision!]

Reflecting back over a career in education, I have often thought back on the teachers who have had the most influence on me. Recognizing that this book has been put together by a group of educators, myself included, I thought it appropriate to dedicate my portion to a group of educators who have had a special influence on my life:

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I came to UCI fresh out of a community college. I spent many pleasurable hours in your lab studying the intricacies of learning and memory. I learned from you that to be an educator one needs to not only know a subject well, one must be able to deliver it in a fashion that all can understand—of this you are truly the master!

Paul L. Kornblith, former Chairman of Neurosurgery, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, New York
As a young, graduating resident of a neurosurgery program I had little idea of where to go or what field to pursue in neurosurgery. My initial thoughts were vascular neurosurgery. At a counter in a small, fish restaurant in Washington, DC, you said, “pediatric neurosurgery is where it is at”—wonderful foresight on your part. For during the following five years we developed a most remarkable and vibrant program at Montefiore. What wonderful and halcyon days they were!

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In December of 1968, I was discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps after having completed a tour of duty in Vietnam. My only goal at that point was hedonism—to find the finest wave on the Southern California coast and end the day with a great bottle of wine (albeit one with a screw top). I did all this well, and then I came to the point when I had to wake up to reality. Whatever made you decide to join me on this voyage I will never know. You have been a very special and constant companion, a unique person in your understanding of the complexities of this job that I have. After 30-plus years, you are truly my greatest treasure and mentor. Thanks for always being there.

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