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602.6 Book Shop

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602.6.5 Instructors should request desk copies from the publisher as soon as possible. Publishers’ policies do not allow the Book Shop to order desk copies for instructors. If the instructor does not receive the desk copy from the publisher by the time it is needed, the instructor may purchase a copy of the text from the Book Shop. Once the desk copy is received, the text may be returned for a full refund, provided the book is in resalable condition and returned within the first month of the semester.

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