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The real-life applications here provide you with the information and ideas for getting the most out of what disc-based technology has to offer. This is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the reality of this technology and how to benefit from it.

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The CD-ROM Revolution by Devra Hall

Synopsis: In this practical book, readers explore how CD-ROM technology will impact publishing, entertainment, broadcasting, education, and business in the coming century. A must read for future-watchers, entrepreneurs, and hands-on technologists. Photos and illustrations.

The market for CD-ROMs tripled in 1994, with new products being developed at a rapid rate. In this easy-to-read guide for consumers, Hall discusses the use of CD-ROMs in schools, the workplace, at home, and in public places such as libraries and stores. She mentions several hundred titles, using screen captures as illustrations. For example, Hall describes NoteStation, a kiosk with CD-ROMs containing sheet music for 4,500 songs that can be printed out on demand. Additional chapters cover other compact disc formats such as CD-I and PhotoCD. Lucid explanations of how CD-ROMs work and how to shop for them will make this book useful in public libraries serving a computer-literate community. Teachers and librarians will learn from it, too.