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No doubt most teens have heard of cloning, but this detailed Cutting-Edge Science title gives them the science to understand this controversial process. Beginning with a description of cell division and cloning in nature, it continues with the differences between cloning plants and more complex animals. The story of Dolly the sheep segues into the history of animal cloning, while a chapter on cell therapy discusses how skin cells, for example, are combined with polymers to create a skinlike tissue to treat burn victims. In a balanced treatment of the topic, Aldridge explains both the ethical debate surrounding stem cell research and human cloning and the possibilities of stem cell therapy to treat degenerative diseases like diabetes, Parkinson's, and cancer. With the exception of one typo, the presentation is effective, with an attractive and colorful layout featuring photographs of various cells, chromosomes, and actual cloned animals as well as sidebars that spotlight scientists in the field and a glossary. Equally enticing and informational, this delivers the facts about what was formerly science fiction. Grades 7-10. --Angela Leeper

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