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**Website**

The book is accompanied by a Website (http://www.mhhe.com/franco) containing information about the book and a collection of useful resources for the instructor. Among the Instructor Resources are a Solutions Manual, a set of PowerPoint Lecture Slides, and a link to the Errata. (Please do not contact the Author for access to the Solutions Manual; permission is granted solely by the Publisher; please contact McGraw-Hill’s sales representative.)

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