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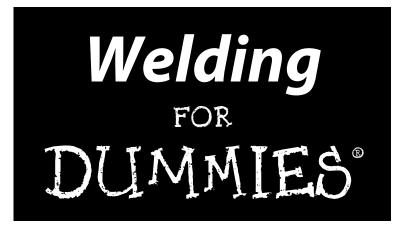
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- Mig and Tig Lab
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- Production Welding
- Special Processes

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Dedication

I dedicate this book to all the welders and welding students who put everything together that makes this world go around. I cannot imagine a world without welded products. So thank you, welders who have breathed a little smoke and saw the flash of products being welded together. I would also like to thank Iowa Lakes Community College for allowing me to write this book and putting up with me for all these years.

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