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EDITIONS: This second edition offers detailed coverage of Media Composer 5.5. The first edition covers Media Composer 5, and the third covers Media Composer 6.

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