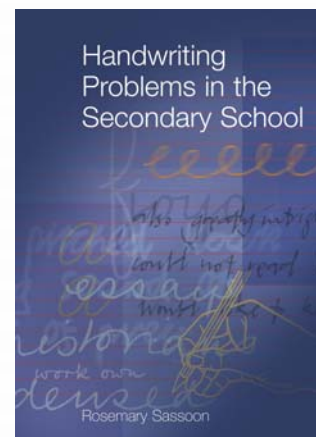


Handwriting Problems in the Secondary School

Rosemary Sassoon



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