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- *Contemporary Novelists*, 7th Edition, 1 Vol
- *Contemporary Poets*, 7th Edition, 1 Vol
- *Gale Encyclopedia of Alternative Medicine*, 1st Edition, 4 Vols
- *Gale Encyclopedia of Cancer*, 1st Edition, 2 Vols
- *Gale Encyclopedia of Genetic Disorders*, 1st Edition, 2 Vols
- *Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine*, 2nd Edition, 5 Vols
- *Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America*, 2nd Edition, 3 Vols
- *Gale Encyclopedia of Nursing and Allied Health*, 1st Edition, 5 Vols
- *Gale Encyclopedia of Popular Culture*, 1st Edition, 5 Vols

- *Gale Encyclopedia of Psychology*, 2nd Edition, 1 Vol
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