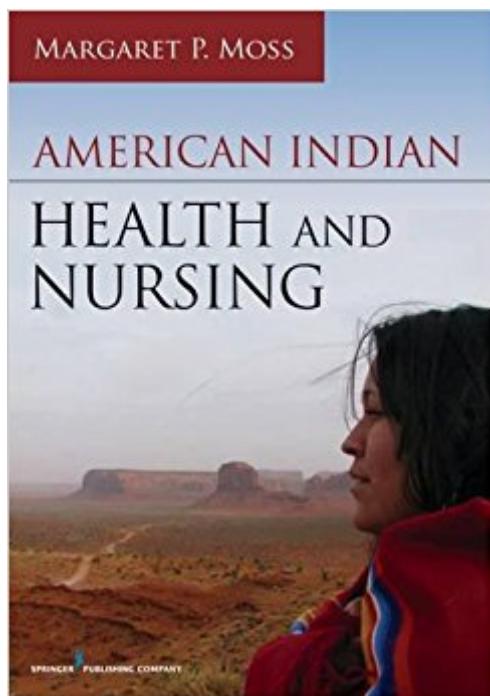


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# American Indian Health And Nursing



## Synopsis

Winner of the AJN Book of the Year Award in two categories (Professional Issues and Community/Public Health) announced Dec 29, 2016. The first book to examine the profound disparities in American Indian health through a nursing lens and how they can be remedied. The average life expectancy of a male born on the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota today is somewhere in the mid-40s, the lowest life expectancy of all peoples not only in the United States but the entire Western Hemisphere. Written by and for nurses, this is the first text to focus exclusively on American Indian health and nursing. In fact, it is likely the only nursing book to even mention American Indian health as a distinct entity. The text addresses the profound disparities in policy, health care law, and health outcomes that affect American Indians, and describes how these disparities, woven into the cultural, environmental, historical, and geopolitical fabric of American Indian society, are responsible for the marked lack of well-being among American Indians. American Indian nurse authors, natives of nine unique American Indian cultures, address the four domains of health: physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional, within each region to underscore the many stunning inequalities of opportunity for health and well-being within the American Indian culture compared with Anglo culture. In an era of cultural competency, these expert nurse authors bring awareness of what is perhaps the least understood minority population in the United States. The text covers the history of American Indians with a focus on the drastic changes that occurred following European contact. Included are excerpts from relevant journal articles, historical reports, interviews with tribal health officials, and case studies. The book addresses the roots of American Indian nursing, including coverage of indigenous knowledge and traditional approaches to health and healing. It examines current issues surrounding American Indian nursing, nursing education, and health care within 10 distinct American Indian cultural populations, including a crucial discussion of the health care needs of American Indians living in urban areas. **KEY FEATURES:** Focuses exclusively on American Indian health and nursing, the first book to do so Written by American Indian nurses Covers four domains of health: physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional Highlights nine specific cultural areas spanning Indian Country, each with its own unique history and context, with urban spaces as a final area,

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## **Customer Reviews**

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Dr. Moss earned her PhD in nursing from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, and her JD from Hamline University School of Law (St. Paul, Minnesota). She did a 2-year postdoctoral fellowship in aging at the University of Colorado Native Elder Research Center. Dr. Moss also spent 16 months as a health policy fellow staffing the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Institute of Medicine, in Washington, DC (completed in 2009). From 2005 to 2008, Dr. Moss was the director of the Native Nurse Career Opportunity Program at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing. After being promoted to tenured associate professor there, she served as director of Inclusivity and Diversity (2006–2008), and she later became an associate director of the Minnesota Hartford Center and was appointed interim chair of the Leadership, Systems, and Informatics Policy Cooperative. Her clinical experience prior to teaching included serving as a staff nurse and then as house supervisor and patient education specialist at the U.S. Public Health Service, Indian Health Service/Santa Fe Indian Hospital (1991–1996). Dr. Moss has published 16 research papers, focusing primarily on American Indian elders; Zuni elders; and aging, migration, and remigration of American Indians and the impact on elders. She has written three book chapters,

including one for Complementary & Alternative Therapies in Nursing (Springer Publishing Company). Dr. Moss has taught graduate courses in health policy leadership and cultural aspects of health care. She is a popular speaker and has delivered 35 invited papers since 2010, and has delivered a total of more than 60 invited papers internationally and nationally on health disparities, Indians and research, health policy, and healthy aging in American Indians. She is an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation.

While other ethnicities are growing in number, (Caucasian, Asian and African American) the number of Native American nurses has plummeted. The text is a needed to end the invisibility of Native Americans. I have purchased many copies and give them to Native American nurses, to let them know, their story is now being told. This is the foundation of knowledge that previously was unrecognized. I cannot thank the author enough for stepping forward, to stimulate a critical discussion on American Indian health and nursing, throughout North America.

Great text and long over due

yes!

Margaret Moss is doing an amazing job to inform us about what we don't but should know about American Indians and the difficult situations they live by! Everyone should read that book to be aware of what is really going on up until today!

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