



The Social Medicine Reader: Volume 1: Patients, Doctors and Illness (2nd Revised edition)

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Duke University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Social Medicine Reader: Volume 1: Patients, Doctors and Illness (2nd Revised edition), Nancy R. King, Ronald P. Strauss, Sue E. Estroff, A woman with what is quite probably a terminal illness must choose between courses of treatment based on contradictory diagnoses. A medical student causes acute pain in his patients as he learns to insert a central line. One doctor wonders how to react when a patient asks him to pray with her; another struggles to come to terms with his mistakes. A physician writes in prominent medical journal about facilitating a dying woman's wish to end her life on her own terms; letters to the editor reflect passionate responses both in support of and in opposition to his actions. These experiences and many more are vividly rendered in Patients, Doctors, and Illness, which brings together nineteen classic pieces that appeared in the first edition of The Social Medicine Reader with eighteen pieces new to this edition. This volume examines the roles and training of health care professionals and their relationships with patients, ethics in health care and end-of-life experiences and decisions. It includes fictional and non-fiction narratives and poetry;...



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