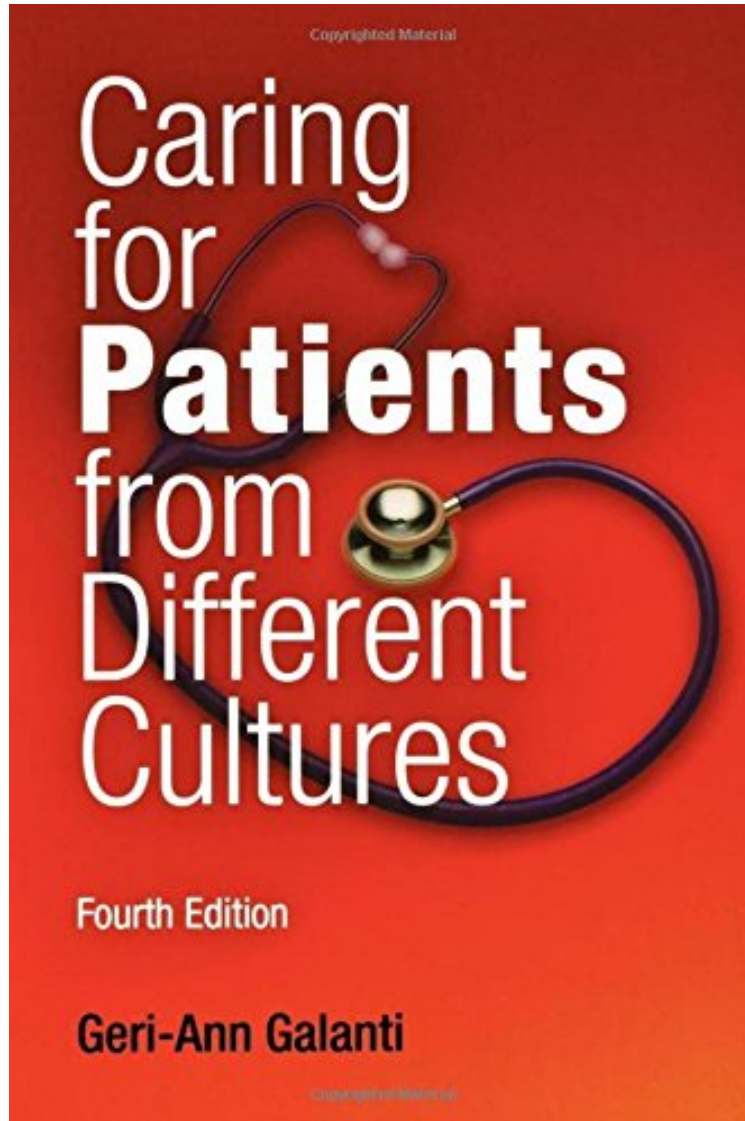


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Geri-Ann Galanti : Caring for Patients from Different Cultures before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Caring for Patients from Different Cultures:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating and enlighteningBy Coley W.This book was filled with so many interesting anecdotes it almost read like a novel. I'm heading for a career in medical social work, and this book fulfilled my craving for knowledge on the topics of both sociology and medicine. It's written in an extremely simple style (not very prosaic), but it's not dry. I'm giving it to my future mother-in-law to use as part of her

curriculum as a nursing instructor. It's probably the most valuable for nurses, as they are the main players, alongside patients and their families, in the anecdotes, but it will also be helpful to doctors and social workers. Galanti raises awareness about culturally oriented topics and events that could be unforeseen by hospital workers, who may find themselves angry or bewildered in situations where neither side understands the other due to cultural differences neither of them recognizes. One of my favorite anecdotes told of a patient who, to the consternation of his roommate, was leaving footprints on the toilet seat and water all over the bathroom. This seemed very strange to the nurses, until they found out that the patient came from a country where squat toilets and washing (rather than toilet paper) were the norm and he had no experience with American-style bathroom practices. Galanti also gives advice on dealing with these culture clashes, focusing on accommodating the patients and their families, since hospital stays/procedures can be difficult and stressful. She illustrates right and wrong ways of dealing with these situations by talking about how the professional acted and whether it was effective or potentially damaging, and going over what they could have done differently. Overall, I'd highly recommend it as a textbook or an entertaining read for anyone in a medical profession, or for anyone entering social work or sociology, or even a layperson who's interested in any of the above. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not What I Expected By Kimberly McRaney I was required to purchase this book for a cross cultural medicine course. The professor had not read the book before we started the course and I hope that if he had this book would not have been used. I felt that it was written in a way that insulted my intelligence. The examples were super cheesy and she wrote them as if she had truly had each of these experiences. However, she was about as convincing as your mom telling you that the tooth fairy is real when you're 16. I was thoroughly offended by some of the author's writings, particularly in regards to African Americans. Although this is a book that is supposed to enlighten readers about other cultures, all it really accomplished was reinforcing false stereotypes. I truly can't believe someone published this. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good book! By Lizard Anybody getting higher degrees in nursing should get this book as a guide. It's more of a bare-bones culture and care guide. Needless to say as all of these different ethnicities incorporate into the fabric of America their cultures will become less profound than ours. I had Muslim/Islamic patients which were no different than ours simply because they become Americanized; however, the dietary no pork remained intact. Many Americanized women won't even cover their heads with a scarf. Now if you get like a Syrian refugee as a patient--they just come here yes you can expect their culture to be much more profoundly apparent. In a few years--especially the younger generation you can expect them to become Americanized.

What happens when a Cherokee patient summons a medicine man to the hospital, or when an Anglo nurse refuses to take orders from a Japanese doctor? Why do Asian patients rarely ask for pain medication, while Mediterranean patients seem to seek relief for even the slightest discomfort? If the goal of the American medical system is to provide optimal care for all patients, healthcare providers must understand cultural differences that create conflicts and misunderstandings and can result in inferior medical care. Geri-Ann Galanti's updated classic, *Caring for Patients from Different Cultures*, is even more comprehensive than the first three editions, containing new appendices for quick reference, an expanded and updated bibliography with Internet resources, and a detailed index. *Caring for Patients from Different Cultures* contains more than 200 case studies illustrating crosscultural misunderstanding and culturally competent health care. The chapters cover a wide range of topics, including birth, end of life, traditional medicine, mental health, pain, religion, and multicultural staff issues. The case studies illustrate important concepts from the fields of cultural diversity and medical anthropology. This volume is an important resource for nurses and physicians in achieving cultural competency.

"A must-read book for any healthcare professional. . . . It should be in every hospital library." *Caregiver Journal* "An excellent book for those interested in providing culturally responsive and effective care to our nation's increasingly diverse population" Dr. Robert Like, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School About the Author Geri-Ann Galanti is on the faculty of the Department of Anthropology at California State University, Los Angeles, the School of Nursing at California State University, Dominguez Hills, and the Doctoring Curriculum at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.