The most valuable texts of 2015, as chosen by AJN’s panel of judges.

ADULT PRIMARY CARE

Chosen by Karen Roush, PhD, APRN, assistant professor of nursing, Lehman College, Bronx, New York, and founder, The Scholar’s Voice.

1. Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Diagnosis in Primary Care


ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING

Chosen by Amanda Schultz, MSN, APRN, NP-C, senior NP for advanced disease management, Heartland Care Partners, Oklahoma City, OK.

1. Dermatology for Advanced Practice Clinicians

2. Practice Considerations for Adult–Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioners, Volumes 1 and 2

3. Advanced Health Assessment of Women: Clinical Skills and Procedures

CHILD HEALTH

Chosen by Mary Anne Gallagher, MA, RN-BC, director, Patient Care Services, Quality, Professional Practice and Standards, Mount Sinai Beth Israel, New York City.

1. Pediatric Nursing: Content Review Plus Practice Questions

2. Screen-Smart Parenting: How to Find Balance and Benefit in Your Child’s Use of Social Media, Apps, and Digital Devices

3. Wong’s Nursing Care of Infants and Children

COMMUNITY–PUBLIC HEALTH

Chosen by Maureen Anthony, PhD, RN, associate professor, University of Detroit Mercy, and editor, Home Healthcare Now.

1. VNAA Clinical Procedure Manual

2. Nurse Coaching: Integrative Approaches for Health and Wellbeing

CONSUMER HEALTH

Chosen by Jamie M. Smith, MSN, RN, CCRN, instructor, Jefferson College of Nursing at Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia.

1. B Is for Balance: 12 Steps Toward a More Balanced Life at Home and at Work
   By Sharon M. Weinstein. 2nd edition. Indianapolis, IN, Sigma Theta Tau International.

To read the judges’ descriptions of these books, go to: http://links.lww.com/AJN/A69.
2. Saving Lives: Why the Media's Portrayal of Nursing Puts Us All at Risk

CRITICAL CARE–EMERGENCY NURSING

Chosen by Christopher A. VanFosson, MSN/MHA, RN, Major, United States Army Nurse Corps and PhD student, The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing. The opinions are the judge’s and do not represent an endorsement or the approval of the U.S. government, the Department of Defense, or the U.S. Army.

1. Merenstein and Gardner’s Handbook of Neonatal Intensive Care

2. Hemodynamic Monitoring: Evolving Technologies and Clinical Practice
   By Mary E. Lough. St. Louis, Elsevier.


ELECTRONIC MEDIA

Chosen by Susan McBride, PhD, RN-BC, CPHIMS, professor and program director for Masters and Post Masters in Nursing Informatics, Texas Tech University School of Nursing, Lubbock.

1. Transcultural Nursing: RN to BSN OLC

2. Family Nurse Practitioner Certification Q&A Review

3. Certified Nurse Educator Q&A Review

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH


1. Climate Change and Public Health
   Edited by Barry S. Levy and Jonathan A. Patz. New York City, Oxford University Press.

GERONTOLOGIC NURSING

Chosen by Margaret R. Nolan, DNP, GNP-BC, NewYork-Presbyterian, Department of Palliative Care, New York City.

1. Nursing for Wellness in Older Adults

2. Practice Considerations for Adult–Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioners, Volumes 1 and 2

3. Gerontology Nursing Case Studies: 100+ Narratives for Learning

HISTORY AND PUBLIC POLICY

Chosen by Katheren Koehn, MA, RN, executive director, Minnesota Organization of Registered Nurses, St. Paul.


2. Saving Lives: Why the Media’s Portrayal of Nursing Puts Us All at Risk
1. Information Overload: Framework, Tips, and Tools to Manage in Complex Healthcare Environments
By Mary C. Sitterding and Marion E. Broome. Silver Spring, MD, American Nurses Association.

2. The Nurse’s Etiquette Advantage: How Professional Etiquette Can Advance Your Nursing Career
By Kathleen D. Pagana. 2nd edition. Indianapolis, IN, Sigma Theta Tau International.

1. Maternity and Women’s Health Care

2. Counseling the Nursing Mother: A Lactation Consultant’s Guide

3. Maternal-Child Nursing Care: Optimizing Outcomes for Mothers, Children, and Families


2. Fostering Clinical Success: Using Clinical Narratives for Interprofessional Team Partnerships from Massachusetts General Hospital
By Jeanette Ives Erickson, Marianne Ditomassi, Susan Sabia, and Mary Ellin Smith. Indianapolis, IN, Sigma Theta Tau International.

3. A Guide to Oncology Symptom Management

1. Nurse Coaching: Integrative Approaches for Health and Wellbeing

2. Innovations in Nursing Education: Building the Future of Nursing, Volume 2

3. A Nurse’s Step-by-Step Guide to Writing Your Dissertation or Capstone
By Karen Roush. Indianapolis, IN, Sigma Theta Tau International.

1. Policy and Politics in Nursing and Health Care

2. Nurse Coaching: Integrative Approaches for Health and Wellbeing

3. Health Literacy in Nursing: Providing Person-Centered Care
NURSING RESEARCH

Chosen by Wendy C. Budin, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN, research scientist/ad-junct professor, New York University College of Nursing, New York City.

1. Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing and Healthcare: A Guide to Best Practice

2. Fostering a Research Intensive Organization: An Interdisciplinary Approach for Nurses from Massachusetts General Hospital
   By Jeanette Ives Erickson, Marianne Ditomassi, and Dorothy A. Jones. Indianapolis, IN, Sigma Theta Tau International.

3. Reading, Understanding, and Applying Nursing Research

PALLIATIVE CARE AND HOSPICE

Chosen by Marianne Matzo, PhD, APRN-CNP, FPCN, FAAN, professor and Frances E. and A. Earl Ziegler Chair in Palliative Care Nursing, University of Oklahoma College of Nursing, Oklahoma City.

1. Four Seasons of Grieving: A Nurse’s Healing Journey with Nature
   By A. Lynne Wagner. Indianapolis, IN, Sigma Theta Tau International.

2. Compassionate Person-Centered Care for the Dying: An Evidence-Based Palliative Care Guide for Nurses

3. The VNAA Manual of Hospice and Palliative Care
   Edited by Margaret Hadley and Margaret Terry. Arlington, VA, Visiting Nurse Associations of America (VNAA).

PROFESSIONAL ISSUES

Chosen by Michael R. Bleich, PhD, RN, FAAN, president and Maxine Clark and Bob Fox Dean and Professor, Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College, St. Louis.


2. Reflective Organizations: On the Front Lines of QSEN and Reflective Practice Implementation
   By Gwen D. Sherwood and Sara Horton-Deutsch. Indianapolis, IN, Sigma Theta Tau International.

3. Global Health Nursing: Narratives from the Field

PSYCHIATRIC AND MENTAL HEALTH NURSING

Chosen by Donna Sabella, PhD, MEd, MSN, PMHNP-BC, coordinator of the Human Trafficking Certificate, Drexel University College of Nursing and Health Professions, Philadelphia, and associate professor of nursing, Widener University, Chester, PA.

1. Psychiatric Nursing: Contemporary Practice

2. Psychiatric Nursing: Assessment, Care Plans, and Medications

3. Introductory Mental Health Nursing

PUBLIC INTEREST AND CREATIVE WORKS

Chosen by Madeleine Mysko, MA, RN, coordinator, AJN’s Reflections column.

1. When the Nurse Becomes a Patient: A Story in Words and Images
   By Cortney Davis. Kent, OH, The Kent State University Press.

2. Privileged Presence: Personal Stories of Connections in Health Care