



News on nursing in the media

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Call the Midwife can be expected to offer a consistently good portrayal of nursing. *Chicago Med* and *The Resident* will show viewers some nursing skill, advocacy, and autonomy. But the physician-focused vision of top shows like *Grey's Anatomy* and *The Good Doctor*, on which nurses are still handmaidens, will likely dominate another Hollywood season.



Press Coverage

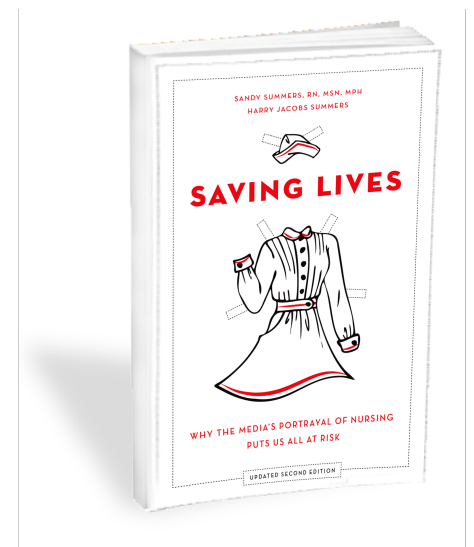
Music critic Josiah Hughes interviews Truth leaders on the nursing image in pop music

Hear an [interview](#) of Truth leaders Sandy and Harry Summers! Music critic Josiah Hughes was intrigued by our review of blink-182's 1999 album *Enema of the State*, whose cover art features naughty nurse / battle-axe imagery. But the interview also covered other pop music, such as Sonic Youth and the White Stripes, as well as other pop culture items.

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September 2018 – Most health-related shows in the new U.S. prime time season remain physician-centric. Still, several will likely convey some helpful information about nursing. So the season looks to be among the more promising in recent years. The only significant new U.S. prime time show appears to be NBC's *New Amsterdam* (premiering Sept. 25). It is set at a fictional version of New York's Bellevue Hospital, with a lead physician character who is "going to tear up the bureaucracy to create a hospital that cares." All six major characters are physicians. But among returning shows, the BBC's powerful [Call the Midwife](#) (early 2019) will offer an eighth season of nurse-midwives providing expert, [autonomous](#) community health care in 1960s London. Netflix's reboot of the 1970s family sitcom *One Day at a Time* will be back for a third season (early 2019) featuring nurse lead character Penelope Alvarez. There is not much nursing. But Penelope, who practices in a primary care office and is studying to become a nurse practitioner, has shown knowledge and toughness in several health-oriented plotlines. Overall, though, physician-focused shows still dominate. ABC's *The Good Doctor* (Sept. 24), a major new hit last year from [House](#) creator David Shore, focuses on a brilliant young physician who is on the autistic spectrum. There are five other major physician characters, but no nurses. Along similar lines, ABC's [Grey's Anatomy](#) (Sept. 27) returns

for a 15th season with a dozen sexy, brilliant surgeons doing everything that matters—including the nursing—with a few appearances by meek handmaiden nurses. NBC's *Chicago Med* (Sept. 26) is mainly about six physicians, although it has two competent emergency (ED) nurse characters who actually think and talk (sometimes to each other!). Plus, a hospital executive who is a nurse heads up the trauma center. Fox's *The Resident* (Sept. 24) returns for a second season focusing on the exploits of a rebellious Atlanta hospital resident and his rebellious young physician colleagues, but also the remarkable nurse practitioner Nicolette Nevin, the resident's main clinical ally. She displays skill, advocacy, and some [autonomy](#). Sadly, the show's other nurse characters are mostly handmaidens. Other returning shows, like the U.K.'s *The Good Karma Hospital* and the Australian *The Heart Guy* (a.k.a. *Doctor Doctor*) (both available in the U.S. on Acorn), will continue to offer physician-centric visions in which nurses tend to play only minor clinical roles. Given the imbalance, please join us in encouraging better portrayals of modern nursing!

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Press coverage

blink-182 podcast interviews Truth leaders on the nursing image in pop music

August 28, 2018 - Today the Blink-155 podcast, which focuses on

the pop-punk band blink-182, posted a long interview with Truth About Nursing leaders Sandy and Harry Summers. Hosted by Calgary (Alberta, Canada) music critic Josiah Hughes, the podcast's particular interest was in the Truth review of blink-182's 1999 album *Enema of the State*, whose cover art features naughty nurse / battle-axe imagery. But the discussion ranged far more broadly to include other pop music, such as Sonic Youth and the White Stripes, as well as other pop culture items. We thank Josiah Hughes and the Blink-155 podcast!

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Speaking Engagements

See Sandy on October 19 in Albany!

Sandy will speak at ANA-New York's 2018 Annual Meeting and Conference on October 19, 2018. This year's theme is "Advocacy in Action." The venue is the Albany Capital Center, 55 Eagle St., Albany, NY 12207.

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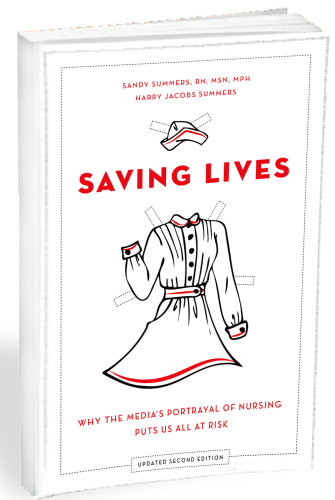
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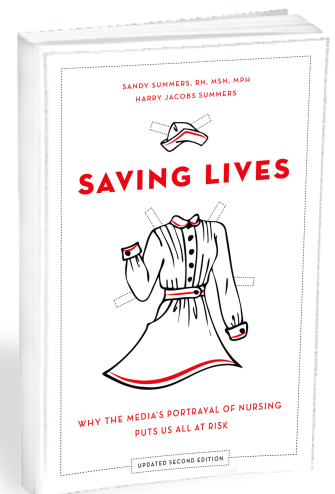
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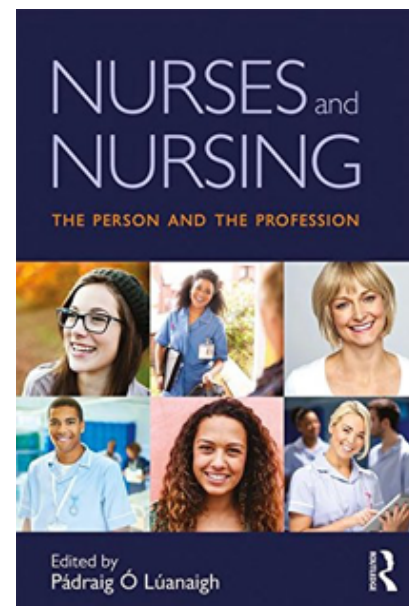
nursing and the media as well as the [awards it has earned](#), including three Book of the Year awards from the *American Journal of Nursing* and an award from Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society of Nursing. The updated second edition from Oxford University Press is now available! All donations and royalties go directly to support The Truth About Nursing, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Thank you for your support!

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Think about the future

New international text *Nurses and Nursing* leads off with chapter by Truth leaders

The exciting new textbook [Nurses and Nursing: The Person and the Profession](#) includes a chapter on nursing's image by Truth leaders Sandy Summers and Harry Jacobs Summers. Edited by Pádraig Ó Lúanaigh, RN, EdD, the thought-provoking new textbook from Routledge "draws on international contributors with a range of backgrounds to explore, engage with and challenge readers in understanding the many aspects and elements that inform and influence contemporary nursing practice." Our chapter is "Nursing's public image: Toward a professional future." We thank Dr. Lúanaigh for the opportunity to be a part of this important new project. Please consider this book for your classes in professionalism, nursing and society, and nursing leadership. [Click here to request a free copy for review now!](#) See [more about the book here...](#)



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