Nurses on the Front Line: When Disaster Strikes, 1878-2010

More than a simple narrative, this text provides intimate first-hand experiences—through letters, memoirs, oral histories, and newspaper articles—of health care workers, survivors, and civic and private organizations that reflect on the character and speed of responders during a disaster. It illustrates how nurses can restore stability in the aftermath of a chaotic event and analyzes the nurses' role as part of a community response.