The first book to examine the profound disparities in American Indian health, and how they can be remedied, through a nursing lens.

The average life expectancy of a male born on the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota today is somewhere in the mid-40s, the lowest life expectancy of all peoples not only in the United States but the entire Western Hemisphere. Written by and for nurses, this is the first text to focus exclusively on American Indian health and nursing. In fact, it is likely the only nursing book to even mention American Indian health as a distinct entity. The text addresses the profound disparities in policy, health care law, and health outcomes that affect American Indians, and describes how these disparities, woven into the cultural, environmental, historical, and geopolitical fabric of American Indian society, are responsible for the marked lack of well-being among American Indians.

Key features:
- Focuses exclusively on American Indian health and nursing, the first book to do so
- Written by American Indian nurses
- Covers four domains of health: physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional
- Highlights nine specific cultural areas spanning Indian Country, each with its own unique history and context, with urban spaces as a final area