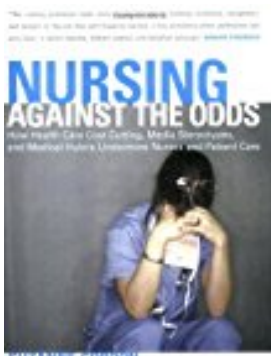


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"Suzanne Gordon, a national award-winning journalist, author, and adjunct professor, is an advocate for all nurses. Gordon isn't a nurse, but believes nursing to be an honorable profession and the backbone of our health care system. . . . This book addresses the main forces that drive nurses out of their workplace; the crucial issues that deprive communities of adequate care of the sick, and the class and status divisions within the profession. But Gordon doesn't focus only on the problems, past and present, facing the nursing profession, but the remedies as well."—*Terry Ratner, RN, MFA, Nurseweek*, 9 May 2005

"The nurses Gordon describes in multiple anecdotes are almost always clinically astute and are

frequently the first, occasionally the only, professionals to observe, interpret, and respond appropriately to signs and symptoms that foretell disaster for the patient. Despite the horror stories of disasters and averted disasters, Gordon fortunately places the issues of nurses and doctors at work in a larger historical and sociological context."—Barbara A. Mark, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 17 August 2005

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"The shocking real-life stories Gordon describes in *Nursing against the Odds* echo what our members experience every day. Readers will not only learn how the nursing profession has suffered over the years due to the many pressures of the nation's evolving health care system—they'll understand exactly what needs to be done to meet the challenges nurses and patients continue to face today. Gordon takes a candid look at the current nursing shortage and paints a vivid picture of how nurses are uniting throughout the profession to raise patient-care standards. This book is a must-read for anyone involved in the healthcare industry."—Andrew Stern, SEIU International President

"*Nursing against the Odds* is a brilliant and long-overdue assessment of nursing at a time of crisis in health care—what has gone wrong and what can be done to restore this once-esteemed profession to a position of equality with doctors. It should be read by anyone interested in the hierarchy of medicine, and the reasons why the nurse is becoming an endangered species."—Richard Selzer, MD, author of *Letters to a Young Doctor*

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