This book illustrates the development of the Grounded Theory (GT) method as applied to nursing research. Initially developed by Glaser & Strauss (1967), and further described by Glaser in Theoretical Sensitivity (1978), this groundbreaking research method proposes that the first step is to collect data, and subsequently generate the theory that emerges from that data. In essence, this method allows theory to capture experience.

The authors present an engaging overview of the GT method, followed by examples of early modes of GT studies. The book focuses on how novice researchers, working at the descriptive level, can apply GT to their nursing research with sensitivity to emerging theoretical codes.