The text covers the range of professional issues in prison nursing. This is the first book aimed specifically at nurses working in prisons. There is a specific set of skills needed to be a prison nurse. The environment is radically different to other areas of practice and the nurse-patient relationship and its boundaries are of paramount importance.

This book is written by nursing experts in this field and includes chapters on women's health, ethnic and cultural issues, educational demands, the legal and political settings, prison culture, and suicide.