Chock-full of descriptive case examples, this clearly written text is a must-read for social workers, nurses, and gerontologists.

By focusing on the various facets of the caregiving experience--from the caregiver's perspective to those who receive care--the authors sensitize you to the ways in which caregiving is affected by the conditions, personalities, capabilities, and wishes of both the caregivers and the care recipients. Chapters explore the range of care receivers from frail elderly to young children, and the difference in caregiving styles and options. Also addressed are issues related to resistance to care, claims of self-determination, and necessity of intervention.