Although thousands of articles and books appear annually in the field of nursing ethics, the sheer volume of scholarly publications points to the need to provide assessment and focus, and that is what this book offers.

Nursing and Health Care Ethics documents the work of nurse scholars in ethics, and goes well beyond a mere documentation of what has transpired and a list of what can be done in the future. It creatively looks back to assess previous accomplishments and forward to find new directions and strengthen future scholarly contributions in nursing ethics. Critical thinking activities, organized by the book's themes (such as vulnerability, care and caring, diversity and disparity, and pain and suffering) are examples of applying these scholarly insights into practice.

This book is intended not only for undergraduate and graduate students in academic settings, but also for those in professional development programs.