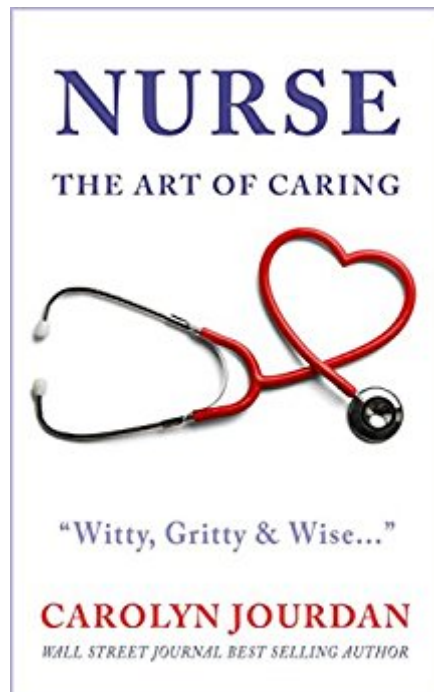




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# Nurse: The Art Of Caring



## Synopsis

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a nurse? From a 6-time Top 10 in the USA author, this book is a collection of the most memorable moments from the careers of over sixty nurses. It covers nearly seventy years of practice from World War II to the present day. The extraordinary situations described here are the result of more than 1,000 years of hands-on bedside knowledge. The vignettes contain wisdom and insight gained the hard way, from long experience in the trenches (sometimes in actual trenches) performing tasks that range from the most humble to the most skilled. These true stories run the gamut from birth to death. They deal with everything from war, ER, ICU, to childbirth, pediatrics, adult care, surgery, home and homeless healthcare, the psych ward, oncology, the nursing home, and finally hospice. The sacrifice and service of these nurses--their courage, kindness, and determination--is breathtaking. If you've ever wanted to know what goes on behind the scenes of a hospital--you've come to the right place.

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Jourdan has done it again! With her own unique genre of storytelling, she brings alive the noble profession of nursing. From the hellish conditions of WWII down the corridors of nearly every type of hospital, these nurses tell their tales of sacrifice, sadness, and most of all, joy in their service of people in their greatest hours of need. Finally, we can take a peek beyond the sign that says "Authorized Personnel Only, and see into the operating rooms, trauma centers, and even morgues and into the hearts of the dedicated individuals who keep them running. If you liked Marcus Welby, MASH, or Grey's Anatomy, check out these real life stories..

Carolyn Jourdan's NURSE: THE ART OF CARING is a magnificent and page-turning glimpse into the profession of nursing. In a series of riveting interviews, Jourdan covers all the dimensions of nursing, from the battlefield and home front of World War II to the modern emergency room of today. Jourdan, who has written about the medical professions before (her wonderful memoir, HEART IN THE RIGHT PLACE, is about her experience returning home to help out at her father's medical practice in rural Tennessee; she also has two books about radiologists), is at her best in NURSE, plumbing the depths of the front lines of healthcare, wellness, and empathy through first-hand accounts from the dozens of nurses she interviewed for this book. I highly recommend it for any reader.

It does not take a special person to be a nurse.... It takes legions of special people of many kinds. That becomes clear when reading this book. Some are born to do hospice care to give help people shuffle off this mortal coil in peace and with dignity. Others help the most fragile premature babies overcome scary beginnings to thrive and grow. Nurses come in all sizes, shapes, colors, and temperaments but all share the common traits of compassion, empathy, and dedication that will never make them rich or famous. Carolyn Jourdan has opened her treasure trove to readers once again.

I hesitated buying this book but am so glad I did (I trusted the reviews). My mom had been a career nurse, and I always knew I did NOT want to be one. She didn't talk a lot about her job, probably because she didn't want to upset her 5 kids (or she was just too tired!), but I heard enough to know it just wasn't something I was cut out for. This book really opened my eyes and helps me appreciate nurses all the more. It actually helps me feel better regarding her death several years ago. I hope if I'm ever in the care of nurses in the future, they are like these nurses and my mom: there because they want to be, because of their compassion, because they feel that's what they were meant to do.

hate to mention this because it seems so trivial after having read the book, but it could use a little bit more editing. There were some missing words, double words, and some other minor issues. But this isn't a novel, and it doesn't detract from the purpose of this wonderful compilation. Highly recommend to anyone.

Right on target. I spent half my working life on the hospital floor. Carolyn Jourdan captured what I experienced in her own special style. Great true stories, some sad, some happy, and some downright funny things that happen in a hospital. Not many people tell the real truth about nursing, Carolyn does in an interesting way that pulls you into the life of a Nurse. A good read recommended for anyone, but especially anyone interested in a career in Nursing.

if you're not familiar with the writings of Carolyn Jourdan, this won't be the only book of hers you'll read. You will want to read all the others. Informative, shocking in some parts, and entertaining at the same time. Even when some of the information is tough, you know you're not getting fluff, but a good picture of as in this book, the art of caring nurses have given mankind. I learned, I laughed out loud, I teared up, was astonished to learn of what some people do and think is normal. When I finished reading, I was even more thankful for our care giving nurses!!

A book worth reading. I am a retired physician, the daughter of a physician and a nurse. This book is a wonderful look into the moments that define a profession. I have given copies to all the aspiring nurses I know, and have one myself. I love it!

Let me make it clear I am not a nurse. I do have a daughter who is. I cannot speak for her. I was concerned with a few experiences and then remembered it was their experiences and they were the truth. Not a light read but insightful and informative.

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