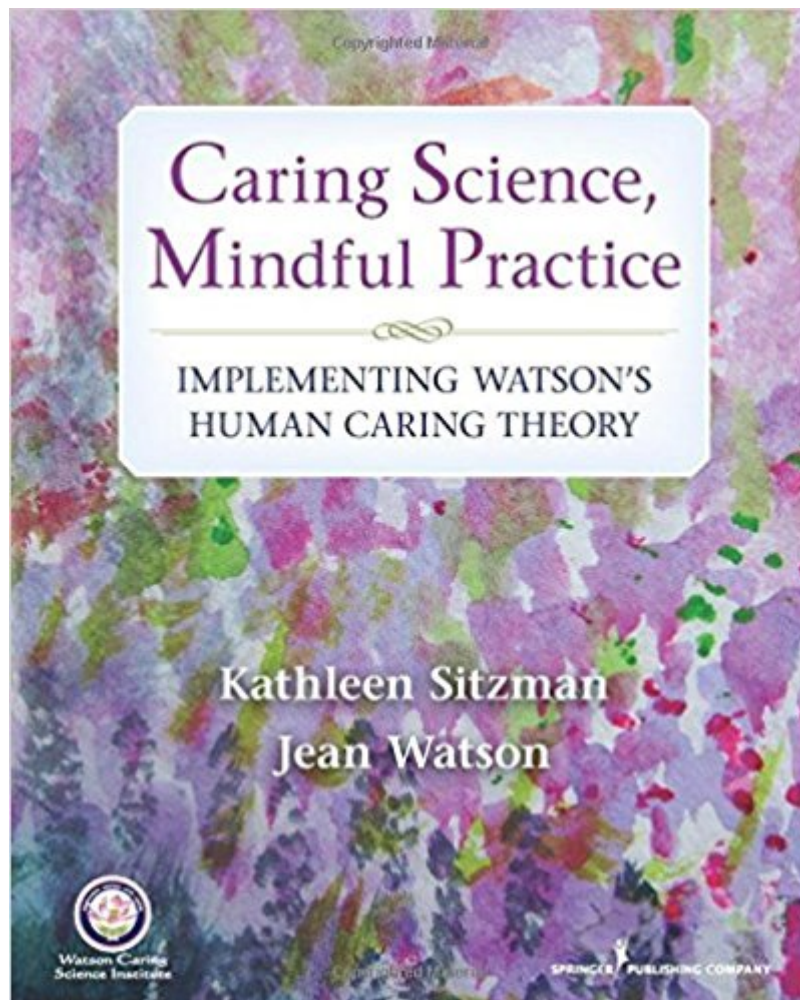




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# Caring Science, Mindful Practice: Implementing Watson's Human Caring Theory



## Synopsis

Caring Science, Mindful Practice offers unique and practical project examples that nurses will consider for their practice or educational settings. With its integration of Watson's caring science and mindfulness principles, Sitzman and Watson have extended knowledge of Watson's caring science and caritas processes through integrating Thich Nhat Hahn's mindfulness perspective and practices. The book offers rich examples of nursing projects that may broaden nursing care for greater patient and student satisfaction and assist nurses with holistic self-care." -- Gale

Robinson-Smith, PhD, RN is Associate Professor, College of Nursing, Villanova University, International Journal for Human Caring This book provides wonderful tools for nurses to use in practice, education, or even for self-care. Designed for any nurse, new or experienced, who wishes to learn more about applying Jean Watson's Human Caring Theory to practice, it supplies the meaning behind the importance of having a practice based on mindfulness....[It] is a practical, easy-to-read book for all nursing audiences and could be used at any educational level."--Doody's Medical Reviews "Sitzman and Watson's book is an invaluable resource" The strength of this book is its simplicity on one level yet its complexity as the reader works throughout the layers incorporated within the book."--Nursing Times This is the first text to help students and practicing nurses translate and integrate the philosophy and abstracts of Caring theory into everyday practice. It was developed for use as the primary text for an online caring theory course that will be offered through the Watson Caring Science Institute in October 2013. Through case examples and guiding activities, the book helps students and practitioners to more fully comprehend the meaning and use of each Caritas Process. It draws upon the contemplative and mindfulness teaching of Thich Nhat Hahn, a renowned Buddhist monk, poet, author, teacher, and peace activist. Each of the ten Caritas Processes are clearly presented by the author and accompanied by guided mindfulness and artistic practices to support learning and absorption of the method. These artistic practices include the use of images, art, metaphors, and expressive symbols that are designed to promote meaningful introspection and self-awareness~ the underpinnings of genuine Caritas practice. The book reflects several years of teaching by the author, who has been invited by several large health care institutions (including Kaiser-Permanente) to provide training based on her materials. Key Features:

- Helps students and practitioners to integrate the philosophy and abstracts of Caring theory into clinical practice
- Offers case studies and guided activities to reinforce content
- Draws upon the contemplative and mindfulness teachings of Thich Nhat Hahn
- Includes concrete guided mindfulness and artistic practices for each of the ten Caritas Processes
- Designed for a wide audience including undergraduate, graduate and international nursing students

## Book Information

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Caring is emphasized in nursing as it is a nurturing and caring profession. This book illustrates how to apply Jean Watson's Caring Theory to every day life and work. The addition of Thich Nhat Hahn's wisdom of mindfulness beautifully complements and emphasizes how we can practice as mindful

spiritual people. The research and application examples for each Caritas are inspiring and act as references as to how this method of nursing practice can be integrated into nursing care.

Gave real time examples of theory in practice at various types of facilities and organizations.

Wonderful read. I understand this is being added to Nursing curriculum. Highly suggested for all care givers.

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Excellent book

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