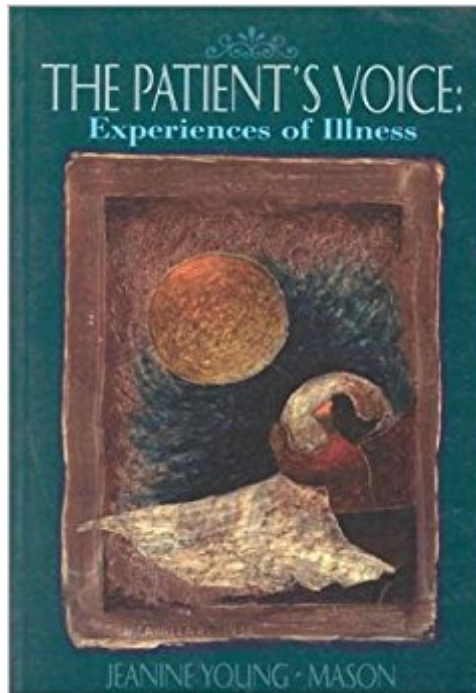




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The Patient's Voice: Experiences Of Illness



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Great care has gone into the preparation of *The Patient's Voice*. For anyone with an interest in health and illness, this collection must be highly recommended. It is most uncommon that every account in a collection can be called compelling, but this is one exception. It is a most rare book - a unique collection of moving stories from ordinary people living extraordinary lives. Both the voices and the messages are remarkable. -- *Journal of Family Studies*, April 1998 by Cathy Lysack...many seeds of wisdom scattered throughout...so personally and intimately written...it is a humbling experience to read them. -- *The Catholic Worker*, March/April 2000 by Bill Griffin...powerful stories...shed light on care giving, spiritual growth, altered self-concept and other aspects of chronic illness. -- *ALS Newsletter on the WEb*...speak about the most important things clearly, strongly as possible...to do anything else is precious waste of time. -- *UMass Magazine*, Winter 1998 by P. Wright...these accounts..are deep reflections about living with afflictions,

relationships, and interactions with the healthcare system. -- Nursing Spectrum, November 1998 by Karla Knight

There are short narratives by children recounting experiences of long hospitalizations and lengthy treatments and surgeries, a memoir of an adult about the childhood experience of loss and sorrow through the death of his father, and others which chronicle the lingering effects of traumatic childhoods which have resulted in psychological problems and even psychosis. There are several accounts of troubling experiences of chronic pain. One dramatic narrative is that of a lawyer who suffers from a progressive genetic disease that has left him paralyzed. He has, however, mastered his life and is able to teach full time in a university. The book concludes with two accounts of the experience of two women who cared for dying friends. Ultimately, this book treats of the dynamic human story of these authors as they struggle, confront, and eventually come to at least a partial understanding of what illness and loss have meant and means in their lives.

Although dated, this book is an easy and insightful read for nursing students to learn about the patient experience.

Some of the stories weren't what I expected.

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I required this book for several years teaching nursing students in my chronic illness and death and dying courses. Not only do the students love it and relate to the patients' stories, they learn concepts of care grounded in these stories. A powerful and inspiring book.

It's a good book for the class I am in and needed it for. Not a pleasure book in my opinion, however.

Great!!!

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