Since 1969, the American Journal of Nursing (AJN) has published an annual list of the best in nursing publishing. Listed in the January issue of the journal, the AJN Book of the Year program is a prestigious competition that garners the attention of our readers (nurses in clinical settings, faculty and researchers) as well as librarians in hospitals and universities.

Many readers, faculty, and libraries make book purchasing decisions based upon this award program. Reference to the award may be and is used in promotional materials by publishers.

The books are selected by judges with expertise in the topic area. They review all submissions for their categories, select the top three, and write reviews of these.

Each entry can be submitted to a maximum of two categories.

### 2022 AJN Books of the Year Categories

1. **Adult Primary Care**  
   Men’s and women’s primary health except for older adults (see Gerontologic Nursing).

2. **Advanced Practice Nursing**  
   Advanced clinical practice literature, including regulations and issues, general skills, critical thinking, case studies, and pathophysiology. The target audience for books in this category must include nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, nurse midwives, and/or nurse anesthetists.

3. **Child Health**  
   Care on a continuum from newborn through adolescence.

4. **Community/Public Health**  
   Works that focus on working with communities and/or individuals and families to promote health.

5. **Creative Works for General Audience**  
   Books about nurses, nursing, and health care written by nurses or non-nurses for a public audience. Books can be fiction, non-fiction or poetry. Books that are directed solely to nurses will not be considered in this category.

6. **Critical Care/Emergency Nursing**  
   Books that address the complex acute and emergent care needs of patients in a critical care environment.

7. **Consumer Health**  
   Books about health intended for consumers.

8. **Digital Products**  
   CDs, video, audio and apps related to nursing practice and health care. Online products must be specifically designed for the web. (No online versions of print products.)
9. **Environmental Health**  
Environmental issues affecting health and wellness. Can include board environmental issues such as climate change and pollution as well as local community and institutional environments.

10. **Gerontologic Nursing**  
Works that are fundamental to understanding the complex physical, social, and emotional needs of the older adult in all settings.

11. **History and Public Policy**  
Broader health care issues, public policies, and historic works that are relevant to nurses.

12. **Informatics**  
Books about nursing’s role and the use of electronic media; computer systems; social media, and nurses’ use of online media.

13. **Maternal-Child/Prenatal Nursing/Child Birth**  
Maternal health and perinatal nursing.

14. **Medical-Surgical Nursing**  
Books that are fundamental to understanding the complex clinical needs and comprehensive diagnoses of patients in acute care or in long-term care settings.

15. **Nursing Education/Continuing Education/Professional Development**  
Books that address the art and science of teaching in traditional or innovative settings including prelicensure, graduate programs, and continued professional development.

16. **Nursing Management/Leadership**  
Books about management/leadership, standards, and strategies used by nurse managers and leaders.

17. **Nursing Research**  
Books that further nurses’ understanding of research and its application to practice.

18. **Palliative Care and Hospice**  
Books about end of life care, palliative care and symptom management, death, and dying.

19. **Professional Issues**  
Professional issues confronting nurses, including the legal and ethical dimensions of practice, role, and workplace issues.

20. **Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing**  
Books that address the dynamics of mental health problems and their management.

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