The most valuable texts of 2013, as chosen by AJN’s panel of judges.

ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING

Chosen by Luc R. Pelletier, MSN, APRN, PMHCNS-BC, CPHQ, FNAHQ, FAAN, administrative liaison, Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital, and core adjunct faculty, National University, San Diego.

1. Outcome Assessment in Advanced Practice Nursing

2. Financial and Business Management for the Doctor of Nursing Practice

3. Holistic Nursing: A Handbook for Practice

CHILD HEALTH

Chosen by Mary Anne Gallagher, MA, RN-BC, director, Patient Care Services, Continuum Health Partners, Beth Israel Medical Center, New York City.

1. Teen Suicide Risk: A Practitioner Guide to Screening, Assessment, and Management

2. Nursing Care of the Pediatric Surgical Patient
   By Nancy Tkacz Browne, Laura M. Flanigan, Carmel A. McComiskey, and Pam Pieper. 3rd edition. Burlington, MA, Jones and Bartlett Learning.

3. Maternal-Newborn Nursing Care: Best Evidence-Based Practices

COMMUNITY–PUBLIC HEALTH

Chosen by Barbara Glickstein, MPH, MS, RN, codirector, Center for Health, Media and Policy at Hunter College, City University of New York.

1. Contemporary Health Promotion in Nursing Practice
   By Bonnie Raingruber. Burlington, MA, Jones and Bartlett Learning.

2. Disaster Nursing and Emergency Preparedness for Chemical, Biological, and Radiological Terrorism and Other Hazards

   Edited by Mary De Chesnay. New York City, Springer Publishing Company.

CONSUMER HEALTH

Chosen by Mary K. Walton, MSN, MBE, RN, director, Patient and Family Centered Care, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

1. In the Shadows: How to Help Your Seriously Ill Adult Child
   By Patricia Ringos Beach and Beth E. White. Pittsburg, PA, Hygeia Media, an imprint of the Oncology Nursing Society.

   By Janet Yagoda Shagam. Amherst, NY, Prometheus Books.

3. Smart but Scattered Teens: The “Executive Skills” Program for Helping Teens Reach Their Potential

To read the judges’ descriptions of all of these books, go to: http://links.lww.com/AJN/A54.
CRITICAL CARE–EMERGENCY NURSING

Chosen by Christopher A. Vanfosson, MSN/MHA, MMAS, RN, nurse manager, Burn Progressive Care Unit, U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research and San Antonio Military Medical Center, Joint Base, San Antonio, TX. The opinions are the judge's and do not represent an endorsement or the approval of the U.S. government, the Department of Defense, or the U.S. Army.

1. Pass CCRN!

2. Where Night Is Day: The World of the ICU

3. Critical Care Nursing: Diagnosis and Management

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Chosen by Ruth McDermott-Levy, PhD, RN, assistant professor, Villanova University, Villanova, PA.

1. Disaster Nursing and Emergency Preparedness for Chemical, Biological, and Radiological Terrorism and Other Hazards

GERONTologic NURSING

Mara Aronson, MS, RN, GCNS-BC, CPHQ, FASCP, president, consultant, and educator, AGE: Association for Gerontologic Education, Exeter, NH, the judge for this category, selected no winners this year.

HISTORY AND PUBLIC POLICY

Chosen by Patricia A. Connor Ballard, PhD, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, assistant dean and assistant professor, Eleanor Wade Custer School of Nursing, Shenandoah University, Winchester and Leesburg, VA.

1. Exploring Rituals in Nursing: Joining Art and Science

2. Nursing Leadership from the Outside In

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/INFORMATICS

Chosen by Patricia A. Abbott, PhD, RN, FAAN, associate professor, University of Michigan School of Nursing, Ann Arbor.

1. Health Informatics: An Interprofessional Approach

2. Simulation Scenarios for Nursing Educators: Making It Real

MATERNAL–CHILD NURSING/CHILDBIRTHING

Chosen by Patricia Robin McCartney, PhD, RNC-OB, FAAN, director of nursing research, MedStar Washington Hospital Center, Washington, DC.

1. Perinatal Nursing

2. Best Practices in Midwifery: Using the Evidence to Implement Change

3. Neonatal Skin Care: Evidence-Based Clinical Practice Guideline
By the Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses. 3rd edition. Washington, DC, Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses.
### MEDICAL–SURGICAL NURSING

Chosen by Margo A. Halm, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, FAHA, director of nursing research, Professional Practice and Magnet, Salem Hospital, Salem, OR.

1. **Toxic Nursing: Managing Bullying, Bad Attitudes, and Total Turmoil**  
   *By Cheryl Dellasega and Rebecca L. Volpe.*  
   Indianapolis, IN, Sigma Theta Tau International.

2. **Mosby's Dictionary of Medicine, Nursing and Health Professions**  
   Edited by Marie T. O’Toole. 9th edition. St. Louis, Mosby Elsevier.

3. **See Me as a Person: Creating Therapeutic Relationships with Patients and Their Families**  
   *By Mary Koloroutis and Michael Trout.* Minneapolis, Creative Health Care Management.

### NURSING EDUCATION/CONTINUING EDUCATION

Chosen by Karen H. Morin, DSN, RN, ANEF, FAAN, professor of nursing, director of the PhD program, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.

1. **Strengths-Based Nursing Care: Health and Healing for Person and Family**  

2. **Teaching Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing**  

3. **Simulation in Nursing Education: From Conceptualization to Evaluation**  

### NURSING MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Chosen by Beth Glassford, MSHA, RN, FACHE, field director/consultant, Joint Commission Resources, Oak Brook, IL.

1. **Toxic Nursing: Managing Bullying, Bad Attitudes, and Total Turmoil**  
   *By Cheryl Dellasega and Rebecca L. Volpe.* Indianapolis, IN, Sigma Theta Tau International.

### NURSING RESEARCH

Chosen by Barbara J. Holtzclaw, PhD, RN, FAAN, associate dean for research, College of Nursing, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City.

1. **Middle Range Theory for Nursing**  

2. **Clinical Research Manual: Practical Tools and Templates for Managing Clinical Research**  
   By R. Jennifer Cavalieri and Mark E. Rupp. Indianapolis, IN, Sigma Theta Tau International.

3. **Essentials of Nursing Research: Appraising Evidence for Nursing Practice**  

### PALLIATIVE CARE AND HOSPICE

Chosen by Betty Ferrell, PhD, FAAN, FPCN, professor, City of Hope Medical Center, Duarte, CA.

1. **Cancer Symptom Management**  

2. **Compact Clinical Guide to Cancer Pain Management: An Evidence-Based Approach for Nurses**  

3. **The End-of-Life Namaste Care Program for People with Dementia**  
PROFESSIONAL ISSUES
Chosen by Nancy Spector, PhD, RN, director, Regulatory Innovations at the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Chicago.

1. Creating and Sustaining Civility in Nursing Education
By Cynthia Clark. Indianapolis, IN, Sigma Theta Tau International.

2. Nurses with Disabilities: Professional Issues and Job Retention

PSYCHIATRIC AND MENTAL HEALTH NURSING
Chosen by Donna Rolin-Kenny, PhD, APRN, PMHCNS-BC, assistant professor, University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing.

1. PsychNotes: Clinical Pocket Guide

2. Treatment of Complex Trauma: A Sequenced, Relationship-Based Approach

PUBLIC INTEREST AND CREATIVE WORKS
Chosen by Madeleine Mysko, MA, RN, Baltimore, MD, contributing editor, American Journal of Nursing.

1. The American Nurse
Photographs and interviews by Carolyn Jones. New York City, Welcome Books.

2. Where Night Is Day: The World of the ICU

3. She Who Is Like a Mare: Poems of Mary Breckinridge and the Frontier Nursing Service