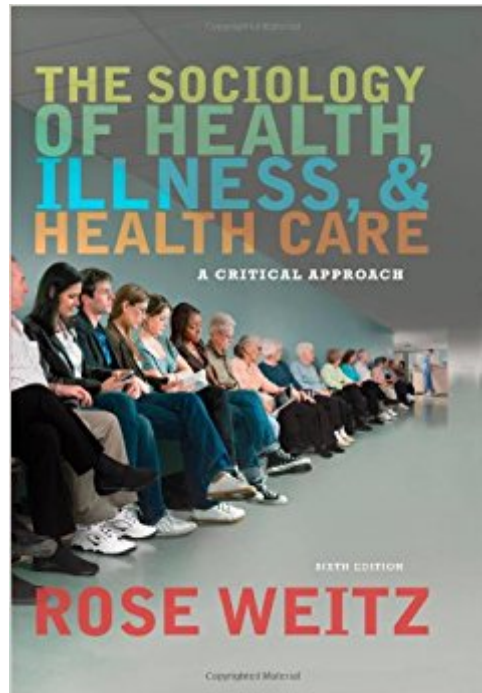




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# The Sociology Of Health, Illness, And Health Care: A Critical Approach



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"Weitz skillfully writes in a way that will reach students of many disciplines and levels. This is perhaps the most comprehensive and well-written text that I have reviewed. I envision the content and presentation to be relevant for students majoring in Sociology, Public Health, Nursing and Health Sciences, as well as helping professions such as Social Work." "[This book] continues to be a comprehensive review of the health care system, especially the changes that often overwhelm and contribute to the health care crisis in the United States. The updated additions â | help students become informed on relevant issues that impact their future lives and an ever-changing health status of world populations. I would highly recommend this text to anyone searching for an accessible and authoritative text on the sociology of health and illness."

Rose Weitz received her doctoral degree from Yale University in 1978. Since then, she has carved an exceptional record as both a scholar and a teacher. She is the author of numerous scholarly articles, the book *LIFE WITH AIDS* (Rutgers, 1991), and the book *RAPUNZEL'S DAUGHTERS: WHAT WOMEN'S HAIR TELLS US ABOUT WOMEN'S LIVES* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2004). She is also co-author of *LABOR PAINS: MODERN MIDWIVES AND HOME BIRTH* (Yale University Press, 1988) and co-editor of *THE POLITICS OF WOMEN'S BODIES: APPEARANCE, SEXUALITY, AND BEHAVIOR* (published by Oxford University Press and now in its fourth edition). Professor Weitz has won two major teaching awards at Arizona State University, as well as the Pacific Sociological Associations' Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award, and has been a finalist for other teaching awards numerous times.

I bought this book for my medical sociology course. I really like it and I decided not to sell the book at the end of the semester. It's a medium sized book, not too heavy and big. I like the topics presented in this book and how they affect society's health as a whole. The book also make me think about things that I don't think are even a problem. For instance, the medicalization of childbirth or assisted reproduction.

The text is easy to understand. Gives updated examples to help illustrate definition. Reasonable and affordable.

Used, hard cover, can clearly read the text, good enough, thanks!

Weitz gave some very good insight to the social construct of our society. She covered some important issues and answers to many things that I did not know especially in the medical administration area, governmental bodies, and federal and corporate institutional involvements. An easy to understand and informative book.

dated information in this text book needs to be updated. Many grammatical mistakes which you would not expect to find in a college level textbook. This book is very small and yet its retail is \$170 this is legalized crime. The author gives a narrow sociological-only perspective on complex topics.

Wow. I rented this book because it is required for the sociology class I'm taking this semester and I must say, there are many grammatical/spelling errors in this book! I wonder if she got this book peer

reviewed? Was it read by an editor? Shocking! Otherwise, it's easy to understand, so that's a plus.

Honestly, its not terrible to read. I prefer text books that have a more structured breakdown, larger margins with definitions and secondary information. The set up of this book made it difficult to relocate specific bits of information for review.

Loved a different topic and totally like the thought I am learning..The instructor has us reading alot not bad for such a class. I really thought it had too do with just diseases.

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