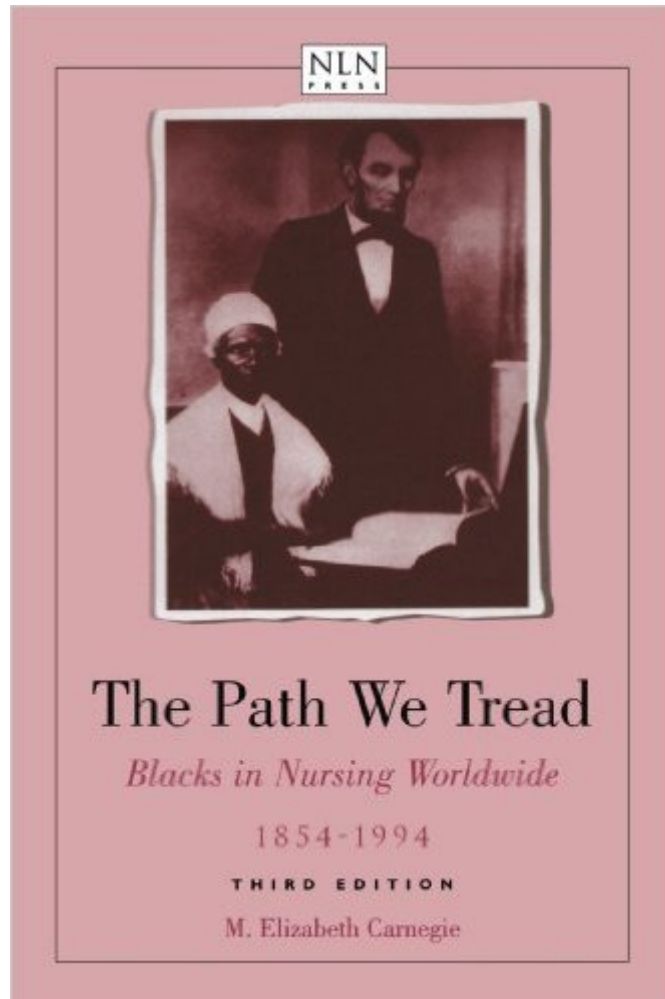


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This is the type of book that may make a Black woman entering college consider majoring in nursing. It may be a nice gift that you could give to a Black woman to show you support her nursing career. I learned some stuff; don't get me wrong. I didn't know Sojourner Truth was a nurse. I learned that the first President of Mozambique was a nurse, for example. I am especially pleased that the work included Black males who have become nurses. Still, this is a feel-good book, rather than a rigorous, historical work. The author mentions important names and organizations. This is a cute "Who's Who of Black Nursing?" But it can be viewed as shallow. There are other books that document how Black women were discouraged from being nurses, just as African Americans of both genders were sometimes barred from studying or practicing medicine. I think Dr. Christine Williams may have written on how American institutions actively discouraged women of color and immigrant women from becoming nurses. The third edition adds information about nurses in the West Indies and Africa. They only cover Anglophone nations and sadly countries like Haiti and Dakar are left out. I imagine that those countries tolerated Black nurses as the majority of citizens were also Black, but the book doesn't dig that deep. This work is respectable, but surface-y. You have been warned.

This is a very good book. I would recommend all nurses who needed to know the history of nursing and how important the foundation of nursing is to read this book. Great stories!

Great, history lesson

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