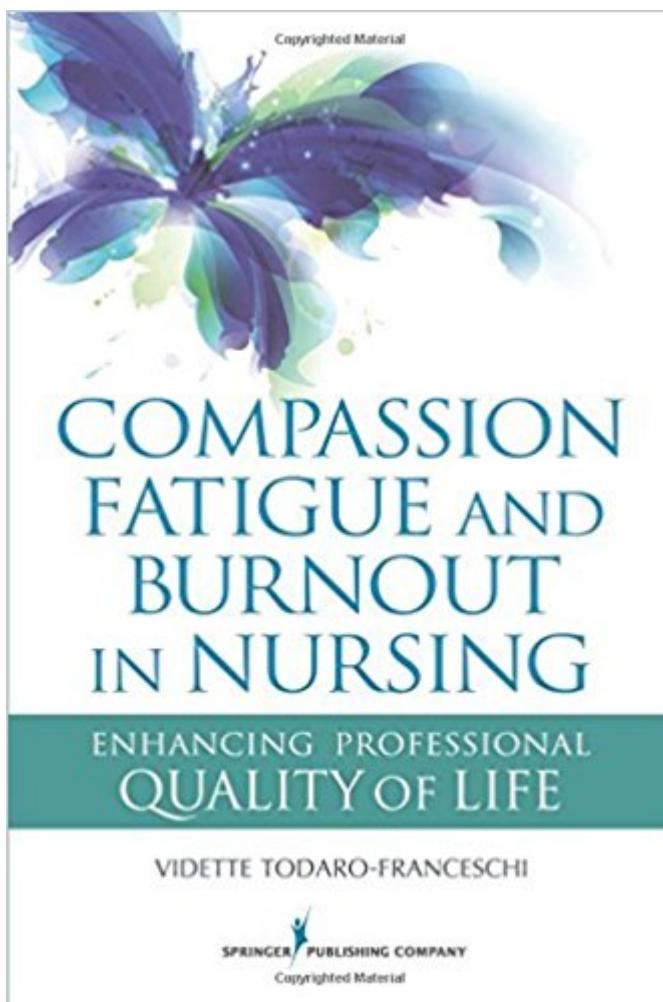


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# Compassion Fatigue And Burnout In Nursing: Enhancing Professional Quality Of Life



## Synopsis

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"[This book] provides nurses with a guide to understanding how to never let go of the centrality of compassion and caring to nursing and their work by taking care of themselves, valuing their work,

refusing to let others diminish their worth, and creating the conditions in which caring can thrive. The book is a must read for all nurses—not just those who are burned out. As Dr. Todaro-Franceschi notes, we must take good care of ourselves if we're to take good care of people. Doing so requires that we lead the creation of caring communities of work."

From the Foreword by Diana J. Mason, RN, PhD,

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This book addresses aspects of nursing that don't get enough attention. A reader of this book may learn to be a better nurse, but gets there by learning to be a better human being overall. I'm currently a nursing student, and we're taught about treating the whole person, not just their disease. This book applies a holistic approach to the profession of nursing. It's "everything else" that nursing school doesn't teach you, in a format that's easy to read and full of meaningful anecdotes. Dr. Todaro-Franceschi speaks of dealing with compassion fatigue, burnout, patient suffering, death, and traumatic work environments. She offers ways to make positive changes. She speaks of energy, purpose, healthy work environments, and compassion. She applauds every single nurse (burned out or not), and empowers us all to shape our own lives (and consequently, our patients' lives) through positive and progressive choices. These choices revolve around self-awareness, mutual respect and support of ourselves and others, assertiveness, and self-advocacy. Dr. Todaro-Franceschi explains how "everything is one" and connected. When we treat ourselves and others with respect, everyone wins. This book is enlightening and empowering; and I feel that health care would progress greatly as a profession if more health care workers implemented the ideals taught in this book. I look forward to re-reading portions of this book with a new perspective as I work as a nurse after graduation.

A good read though I do not necessarily agree with all that this author wrote. Compassion fatigue= secondary traumatic stress and burn out the words are not interchangeable and far too many researchers are not paying attention to the gold standard research that clearly defines the terms.

I am a university professor in nursing. The book is great for defining students at risk.

This book is amazing! Dr. Todaro-Franceschi puts into words the emotions and situations all nurses experience on a day to day basis. It has helped me to reflect and improve not only the nursing care I provide but also my job satisfaction.

Great Product, as described.

I purchased this book for a research paper I was writing in nursing Grad school and it was very

helpful and well written. I enjoyed reading every word!

I would give this book 6 stars if I could! Read anything written by Vidette Todaro-Franceschi and you will immediately find the answer to the question "do angels exist here on Earth?" This book is a gift to anyone overworked, understaffed, bullied, tired, overwhelmed, hopeless, complacent or just plain unhappy. She addresses the complex issues surrounding the real challenges of working as a nurse today. Her powerful words bring hope and light to anyone feeling themselves under-appreciated and burnt out. This book offers solutions, like a bandaid for the soul. **READ THIS BOOK!**

Todaro-Franceschi's book is a must read not only for nursing professionals and students, but any health care professional interested in improving quality of life for both themselves and their patient/clients. She discusses many issues including professional collaboration, communication, and end of life care always promoting the idea of the individual caregivers strength coming from a patient-centered compassionate, ethical, and spiritual approach. The book is extremely readable, accessible and lays down a simple methodology for avoiding the many pitfalls that lead to burnout in the healthcare setting. It is simply, terrific.

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