

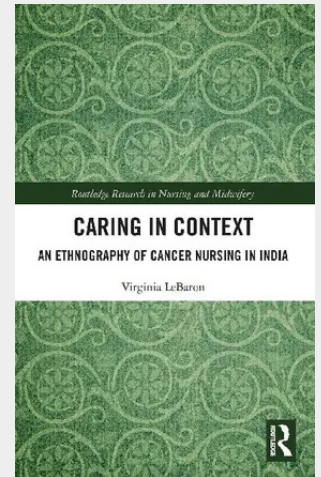
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Caring in Context

An Ethnography of Cancer Nursing in India

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