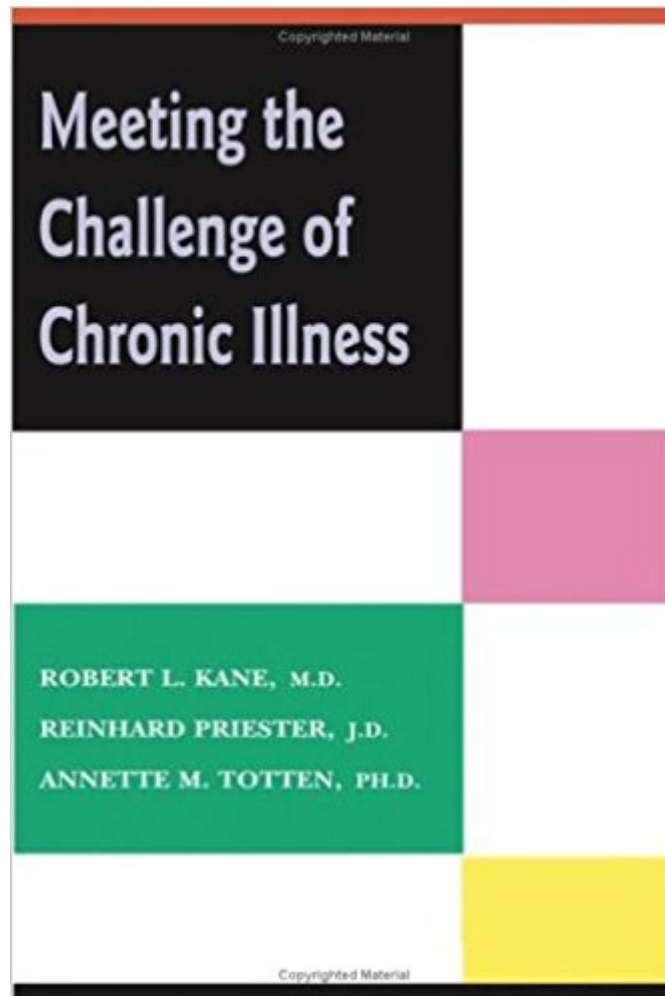




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Fantastic book!

The authors gathered their experience in treating people with chronic illness and shared their perspectives on the appropriate way in treating those patients. Population aging is a great trend in most of the developed and developing countries over the world, and people with chronic illnesses will be increasing rapidly. The issue is not new to all health care professionals, but the current health care systems and health professionals are not working in the right way in dealing with this vulnerable group of people. This book provides clear definition of chronic illness, and workable, comprehensive solutions to the issue in different levels, like system, staff training, team building and primary care.

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