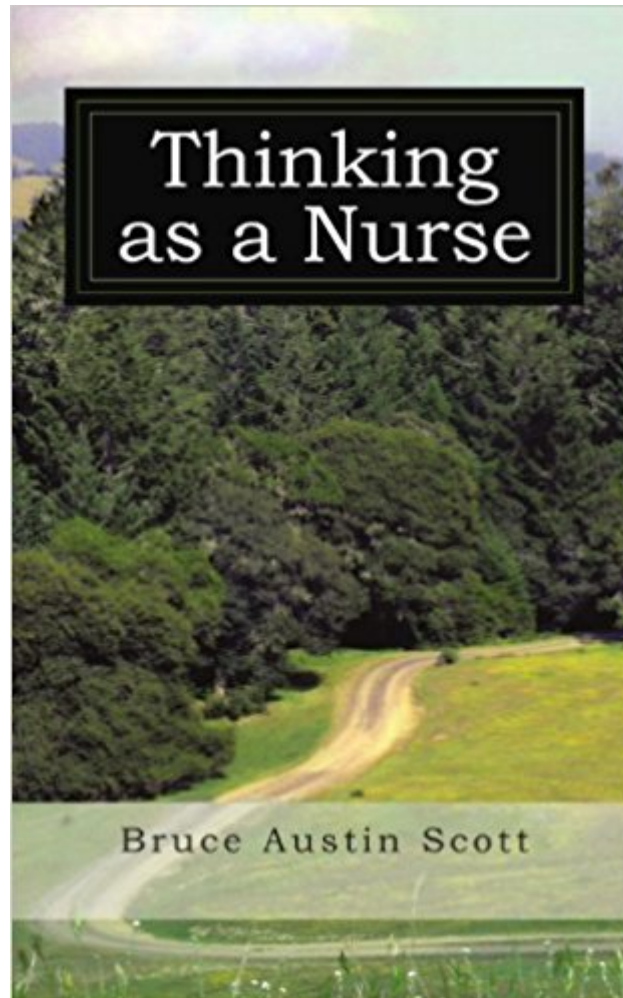




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# Thinking As A Nurse



## Synopsis

Thinking as a Nurse is a point-of-view work gleaned from 37 years of direct patient care and 25 years of teaching nursing. The book emphasizes the non-technical components of nursing practice-the cognitive and cerebral aspects. The primary role of nurses is to identify and solve patient problems and Thinking as a Nurse looks at influences of clinical problem solving such as empathy, what the patient says to the nurse, pathophysiology, nurse-physician relationships, teamwork, and setting priorities. Memorization and an overemphasis on technical skills are discussed as possible pitfalls in the education of nurses. The book helps students study for nursing examinations and be more adroit in their clinical practices. There are chapters addressing studying techniques and how to deal with NCLEX-type questions.

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Bruce Austin Scott grew up in the South, down the street from William Faulkner's brother, Murray, in a family of six, wanting to be an architect or journalist. He floundered in his first attempt at college, joined the Navy, and as a hospital corpsman worked alongside nurses. Out of the service, he completed a B.S.N. at The University of Alabama in Huntsville and an M.S.N. at The University of Texas at Austin. He taught in six nursing programs before settling in for the last 13 years at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton, California where he maintains a clinical practice in medical-surgical nursing at Saint Joseph's Medical Center. He has contributed to and reviewed many nursing publications but has never tried his hand at a book until Thinking as a

Nurse. Bruce is the divorced father of four children: Martha, Luke, Hope and Julie. He likes long flat-surface bike rides, swimming freestyle across a sunlit pool, and playing golf when there's no waiting on the tees.

This book provided good insight and tips on what it means to think as a nurse, not "like" a nurse. Being a nursing student this book provided good tip for me in my studies and time in the hospital. The author used clear descriptive language to explain His points and even incorporated his real life experiences to better make his point. This book was a quick read and very informative.

Just finished the book and this is why I feel it was definitely worthwhile to read as a first year registered nurse. The author provides a thorough perspective on how nurses need to think in approach to their nursing practices. He incorporates teaching in physiology, patient safety, and nurse practice issues. In general, it was a quick, enjoyable read. This is a great continuing education-type read that elaborates and clarifies what many nurses learned in their nursing education. Overall, I feel I have gained from reading this book, especially since it has illuminated how nurses can improve their clinical thinking and understanding. Ultimately, I believe my patient care will improve as a result of Scott's read.

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I bought the ebook and I was able to use it for homework right after purchasing it. Downloading the ebook to my computer was a really easy process. For a first time user of an ebook, I am very pleased with my purchase and the book is easy to access.

I'm currently a nursing student in my third semester, this book gives good advice about how to use certain qualities to benefit the role of a nurse. It gives several examples and explanations that I found beneficial. I Would recommend this book to any student nurse, it gives insight about how important critical thinking is for an RN.

As I wrote to Dr. Scott, I think his book should be required reading for nursing students. In my experience, all the truly good nurses are able to think as a nurse, by whatever means they came by the ability. It's the Florence Nightingale in them unleashed! Very short read that succinctly and indelibly makes its point.

I believe this book to be a concise version - a precursor - of a soon forthcoming book titled, "How to be a Great Nurse." This work has many hidden jewels. Much can be said about this little gem as it offers insight into the daily undertakings, challenges, and decisions inherent in professional nursing.

This book does a great job introducing the concept of what it means to think like a nurse. The ideas are easy to read and the author makes a convincing argument for the importance of critical thinking in nursing and the ability to organize learning into connected concepts and not disparate facts. I read this before starting nursing school and it has really helped to guide my learning process.

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