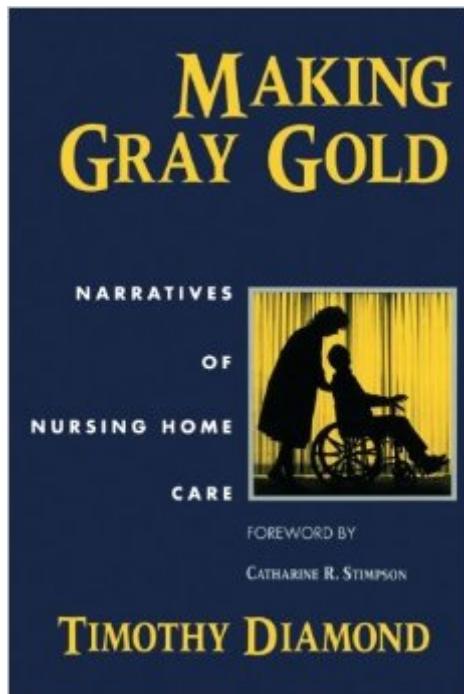


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This book, which is a personal history of a Sociology professor working as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) in nursing homes in the Chicago area, must be mandatory reading and study for any licensed professional who is studying to provide care in the 21st century. I studied with Tim Diamond in an applied gerontology program in Los Angeles in the early 1990s, and was well-prepared for my new career as an RN/BSN providing home health andhospice care at home -- which includes nursing homes. Tim is a wonderful teacher and a sensitive, kind soul. Precisely the sort of person, who is sadly rare, we would like to care for our aging loved ones.

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