Nursing Through the Years

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Nursing Through the Years is a unique book that spans eight decades of nursing, from the 1940s to the present day. The book, the result of a three-year oral history project, led by former FoNS Trustee Loretta Bellman, captures the memories of nurses who trained and worked at one hospital in London. However, many readers will appreciate, and identify with, the nurses’ reflections which reveal the extent to which nursing has developed and changed, and the highs and lows of training to be a nurse in a renowned teaching hospital, and latterly university.

It is a treasure chest of recollections which are informative, entertaining, inspiring, enlightening and also controversial, often challenging the myths and misconceptions that continue to surround nursing today.

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