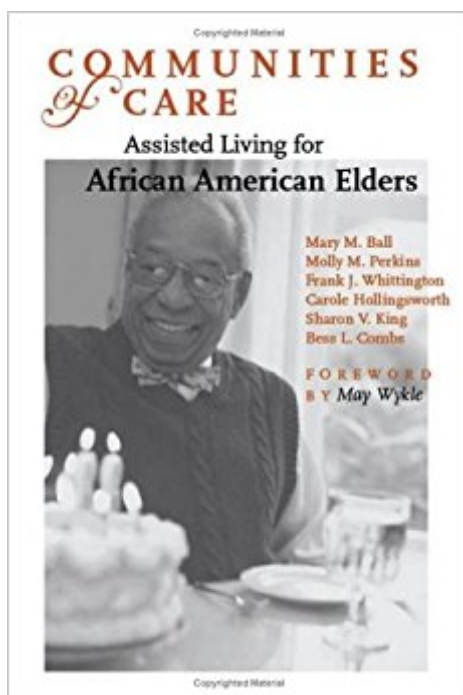


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# Communities Of Care: Assisted Living For African American Elders



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Very little is known about why and when African American elders seek formal long-term care, or about the characteristics of assisted living environments they consider most desirable. Drawing on qualitative studies conducted between 1998 and 2001, the authors of *Communities of Care* provide important information on historic and current trends in assisted living systems serving African Americans. Focusing on six facilities that have become models of long-term care for African Americans, the authors shed light on the daily lives of the people who live, work, and visit these "communities of care." With detailed profiles of the facilities, interviews, and case histories of care recipients, the authors explore both the institutional and personal characteristics of the facilities and the issues central to their residents. This definitive work brings to the forefront critical questions about how race, gender, and culture affect the quality of, access to, and cost of care. These questions have broad implications for the policy, administration, and operation of assisted living.

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The authors—Mary M. Ball, Molly M. Perkins, Frank J. Whittington, Carole Hollingsworth, Sharon V. King, and Bess L. Combs—are all on staff at the Gerontology Institute of Georgia State University.

5/27/08 This book (despite its focus on just African American) follows the suit of the many others I've seen and or read on the concerns and cares in "these times" of more people blessed since the Wars (WW2, Korean, Vietnam) to live to "Prime Time Age(s)" or older, in many cases, even a "prided elder" ...As the 60's generation who represented more than just fun and frolic, support ideas to make "coach potatoes" as well as "zoom zoom (ers)" feel the blessing of longevity, administrative staffs and their raft of orderly to surgeons, home care aides to house call doctors, Emergency 911 to the Insurance Companies (whose profits (via the stock market and the consumer) are enhanced by the healthy, striving to survive are depicted focused on quality of life for not just races, but genders as well. 5/27/08 abj

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