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The Social Medicine Reader, Second Edition, Vol. Two: Social And Cultural Contributions To Health, Difference, And Inequality



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Duke University Press is pleased to announce the second edition of the bestselling *Social Medicine Reader*. The *Reader* provides a survey of the challenging issues facing today's health care providers, patients, and caregivers by bringing together moving narratives of illness, commentaries by physicians, debates about complex medical cases, and conceptually and empirically based writings by scholars in medicine, the social sciences, and the humanities. The first edition of *The Social Medicine Reader* was a single volume. This significantly revised and expanded second edition is divided into three volumes to facilitate use by different audiences with varying interests.

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