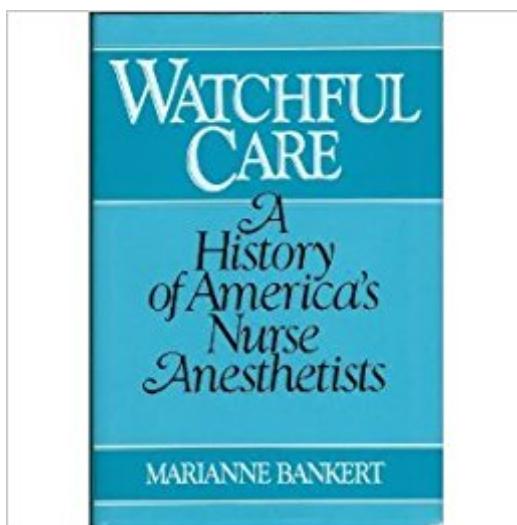


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# Watchful Care: A History Of America's Nurse Anesthetists



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The Nurse Anesthetist of today truly stands on the shoulders of Giants. This book is a wonderful rendition of the history of nurses providing anesthesia in the United States and of the history and beginnings of the professional organization known as the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. It is an excellent piece for anyone considering the CRNA profession and should be a primary reading requirement for all programs. Excellent story. Fantastic history.

Great history book. Learning about the history of anesthetics make you see things in the field differently

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