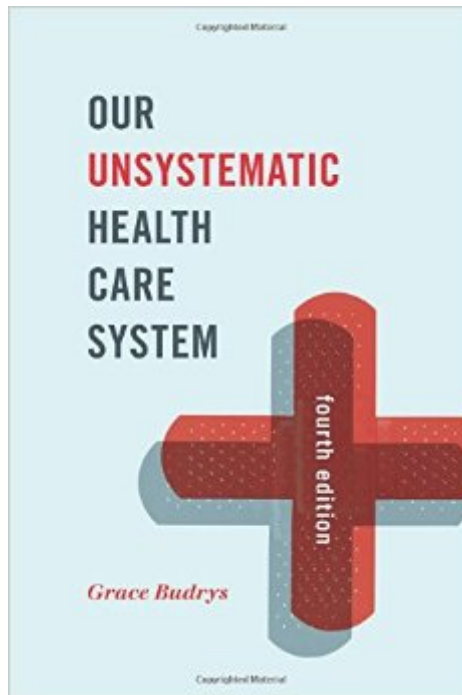




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Synopsis

Significantly revised and updated, the fourth edition of *Our Unsystematic Health Care System* provides an accessible overview of the U.S. health care system, with a focus on the impact of the Affordable Care Act. As in previous editions, the book introduces health insurance arrangements in the U.S. and compares them to health care in other countries.

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This fourth edition of *Our Unsystematic Health Care System* maintains the accessibility to undergraduate, interdisciplinary audiences from the previous editions. Grace Budrys explains health care reform in a very understandable way without sacrificing the complexity and continued debate around the implementation of the legislation. New to this edition is a well-balanced assessment of whether health care reform is working. Budrys asks readers to consider what they want reform to accomplish, then lays out the empirical findings related to access, cost containment, and quality, and leaves it for the reader to decide what is *working* and what is left unresolved. (Lara Foley, University of Tulsa)

Our Unsystematic Health Care System provides a comprehensive and critical introduction to the institutions of the US health care system. It is an indispensable resource for advanced students in economics or politics embarking on the study of health and health care (as well as for sociologists, its primary audience). Throughout, Budrys poses thoughtful questions and identifies interesting paradoxes and conflicts in the arena of health care. Budrys's book explains not only where we are but how we got here. (Michael Ash, University

of Massachusetts, Amherst) This fourth edition of *Our Unsystematic Health Care System* is a concise yet comprehensive review of the health care delivery system in the United States. In it, Budrys presents all of the critical elements of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and explains what each means for health care users, providers, and policymakers. This book is a must-read for those who want to understand the current status of the ACA, how health care got to this point, and how it continues to evolve. It provides readers with the facts about the ACA and its political, economic, and social context to make every reader a more informed participant in the discussion on current and future health care in this country. (Kimberly R. Barber, PhD, director of research, Genesys Regional Medical Center; professor of health sciences, University of Michigan)

Grace Budrys is professor emerita at DePaul University. She chaired the committee that created the Master of Public Health program and served as director for one year, directed the Public Services Master Program, and was a professor in the Department of Sociology. Her books include *Unequal Health: How Inequality Contributes to Health or Illness* and *How Nonprofits Work: Case Studies in Nonprofit Organizations*.

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Great book, easy read. I read it for a class and it was the best thing about the class.

Great wish it had table of contents though

It's too bad this book's overall ranking looks low because of previous reviews that were not about the book itself. This is a cogent and accessible overview of the U.S. health care system, how it came to look the way it does (which is vital to grasp in order to understand why it currently functions the way it does and what some of the benefits and drawbacks to various changes might be), and what some of the problems of the current system are. If you know little about the American health care system and are looking to better understand it, this book is a great choice.

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