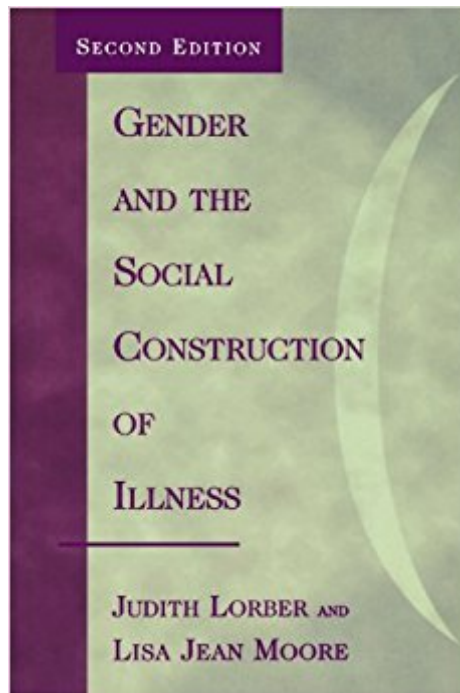




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I had to order this book for one of my Sociology classes, and I was surprisingly very interested in it! Judith Lorber is an excellent writer and sociologist, and I recommend this to anyone that is taking any higher-level sociology courses in college.

Excellent! A great add to my doctoral dissertation reading list. A excellent add to the reading list of those interested in sociological perspectives on women and health.

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