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From the castigation and stigmatization of victims of AIDS to our celebration of diet, exercise and fitness, the moral categorization of health and disease reflects contemporary notions that disease results from moral failure and that health is the representation of moral triumph. Ranging across academic disciplines and historical time periods, the essays in *Morality and Health* offer a compelling assessment of the powerful role of moral systems for judging the complex questions of risk and responsibility for disease, the experience of illness, and social and cultural responses to those who are sick. Contributors include Keith Thomas, Charles Rosenberg, Richard Shweder, Arthur Kleinman, David Mechanic, Nancy Tomes and Linda Gordon.

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Morality and Health: Interdisciplinary Perspectives provides a compelling assessment of the powerful role moral systems play in addressing matters of health and disease. Encompassing a wide range of academic disciplines, the essays draw on the fields of psychology, medicine, history, sociology, political science, anthropology, sociology and law.

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