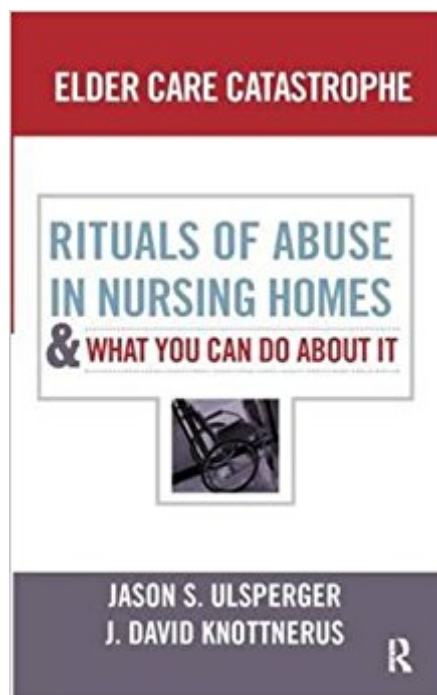




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# Elder Care Catastrophe: Rituals Of Abuse In Nursing Homes And What You Can Do About It (The Sociological Imagination)



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