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-Sally Thorne, RN, PhD, Professor and Director, University of British Columbia School of Nursing

From the Publisher

"For many years, I have been aware of the work of Margarete Sandelowski and Julie Barroso. They are very experienced qualitative researchers whose previous book, *Qualitative Health Research* was lauded internationally. I suspect that the stimulus for this current book has been the excellent feedback that the authors have received from researchers generally and students and faculty in particular.

This book is expertly crafted and its easy style and 'readability' are some of its most pleasing features. The short chapters are interesting and authoritative and can be read on a 'stand alone' basis, allowing readers to 'dip in and out'. It has arrived at an opportune time. Qualitative methodology is fast becoming the approach of choice for many investigators who are seeking answers to intriguing research questions. However, the resultant large number of completed qualitative studies has the potential to lead to information overload. To be interested in how such studies can lead to meaningful changes in knowledge and practice without being aware of how to synthesise qualitative research would be like starting a new journey without a map. Without fear of contradiction, this book is the best map of qualitative research synthesis that I have come across. I congratulate Drs Sandelowski and Barroso on producing it and I recommend it wholeheartedly to all qualitative researchers."

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