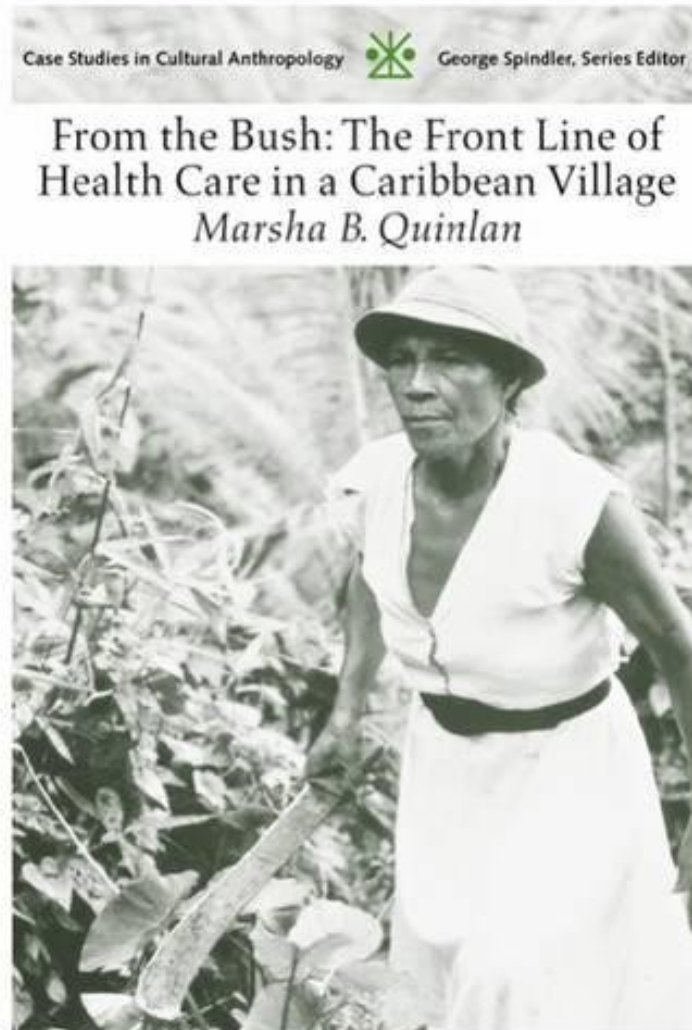


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I recently used Dr. Quinlan's book for a 100 level "global diversity" requirement for non-anthropology majors. Not only did the students respond well to the book, but also seemed to enjoy the reading better than classics by Chagnon and Lee. Her research focuses on home remedies and cultural notions of the body in a rural Caribbean village. Dr. Quinlan provides an excellent example of both qualitative and quantitative research at various levels of inquiry. Her writing style is professional, personal, and concise. I found the book particularly useful when discussing topics such as language and communication, gender, subsistence, and, of course, ethnomedicine. The book is also handy as a case-study in globalization. Dr. Quinlan's book illustrates and emphasizes the need to understand the balance and relationship between home remedies, folk medicine, and western bio-medical health care in an ever-shrinking world.

This case study will be the first to deal with a topic in medical anthropology. It explores the world of folk medicine in the Caribbean (Dominica) - local beliefs and practices concerning how the body functions and malfunctions and the home remedies Dominicans use to cure common illnesses. The case study goes beyond discussing the exotic medical system of a developing country (which includes sorcery and folk-illnesses) to discuss how folk medicine flourishes in industrialized countries in a way that is little different than that practiced in Dominica. The theme is that cultural ideas about the body and uses of medicinal plants are deeply intertwined. Ideas about illness direct the consequent medical response. The book's topic is important because knowledge of local ethnomedical practice is essential for development of public health interventions in non-Western settings. This realist ethnography is aimed at any member of the generally educated population.

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