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The Anthropology of Obstetrics and Obstetricians The Practice, Maintenance, and Reproduction of a Biomedical Profession

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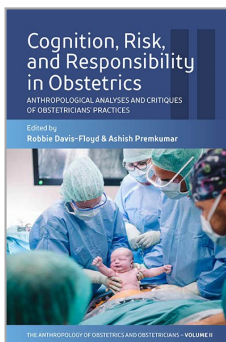
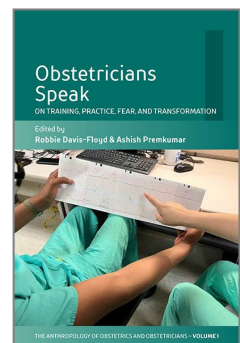
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