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The Doctor Will See You Now Cory Franklin 2018 Is it smart to skip your annual physical? Should you put your trust in medical research? Is "low T" an actual disease? This book examines these questions and more you've always wondered about in more than fifty essays on the practice of medicine. The Doctor Will See You Now is a quirky and eclectic collection of short pieces that explore the evolving patient-physician relationship; famous doctors and notorious patients; surprising hospital practices and the future of health care; medical reporting, research, ethics, drugs, and money; and the brave new world of neurology. Author Cory Franklin, MD, spent twenty-five years as the director of intensive care at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. Here he brings readers into his office to discuss the surprising ways the practice of medicine is changing today.

Between the World and Me Ta-Nehisi Coates 2015-07-14 #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • NATIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNER • NAMED ONE OF TIME'S TEN BEST NONFICTION BOOKS OF THE DECADE • PULITZER PRIZE FINALIST • NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCLE AWARD FINALIST • ONE OF OPRAH'S "BOOKS THAT HELP ME THROUGH" • NOW AN HBO ORIGINAL SPECIAL EVENT Hailed by Toni Morrison as "required reading," a bold and personal literary exploration of America's racial history by "the most important essayist in a generation and a writer who changed the national political conversation about race" (Rolling Stone) NAMED ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL BOOKS OF THE DECADE BY CNN • NAMED ONE OF PASTE'S BEST MEMOIRS OF THE DECADE • NAMED ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The New York Times Book Review • 0: The Oprah Magazine • The Washington Post • People • Entertainment Weekly • Vogue • Los Angeles Times • San Francisco Chronicle • Chicago Tribune • New York • Newsday • Library Journal • Publishers Weekly In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and

current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of “race,” a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men—bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and, today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden? *Between the World and Me* is Ta-Nehisi Coates’s attempt to answer these questions in a letter to his adolescent son. Coates shares with his son—and readers—the story of his awakening to the truth about his place in the world through a series of revelatory experiences, from Howard University to Civil War battlefields, from the South Side of Chicago to Paris, from his childhood home to the living rooms of mothers whose children’s lives were taken as American plunder. Beautifully woven from personal narrative, reimagined history, and fresh, emotionally charged reportage, *Between the World and Me* clearly illuminates the past, bravely confronts our present, and offers a transcendent vision for a way forward.

People of the ER Philip Allen Green, M.D. 2017-09-09 Standing in the trauma room of an emergency department is like standing at ground zero of a nuclear reaction, only it's not radiation that is released—but stories. Stories that are told and retold, sometimes just until the end of the shift, but sometimes for decades. A survivor of domestic violence makes it to the hospital but cannot trust anyone. An anonymous man passes away after being taken to the emergency room, and no one can identify him. The spouse of a cancer patient must decide whether to force her to undergo chemotherapy or to let her pass away in peace. These stories—and all the rest in *People of the ER*—grapple with what it means to be human in the face of trauma and death. Written by the author of *Trauma Room Two*, *People of the ER*, delves deeper into the lives of the patients and staff that work in a small, rural emergency room.

A History of Surgery at Cook County Hospital Patrick D. Guinan 2015-02-21 Once upon a time, specifically ranging from 1866 until the end of the 1950s, almost all of the attending staff at Cook County Hospital (CCH)—and thus the instructors who prepared physicians for their roles in the world—were unpaid volunteers. In all large public teaching hospitals, like CCH, appointment to the staff was both an honor and public recognition of the appointee’s status, his or her reputation among his or her peers. This book examines the development of the medical disciplines that historically fell under the aegis of the department of surgery at CCH and other similar institutions. The individuals who taught successive new generations of surgeons were not necessarily famed in their time. Already respected, however, they gained legendary status as their former students realized just how effectively these men had taught them.

When the Air Hits Your Brain: Tales from Neurosurgery Frank Vertosick 2008-03-17 The story of one man's evolution from naive and ambitious young intern to world-class neurosurgeon. With poignant insight and humor, Frank Vertosick Jr., MD, describes some of the greatest challenges of his career,

including a six-week-old infant with a tumor in her brain, a young man struck down in his prime by paraplegia, and a minister with a .22-caliber bullet lodged in his skull. Told through intimate portraits of Vertosick's patients and unsparing yet fascinatingly detailed descriptions of surgical procedures, *When the Air Hits Your Brain*—the culmination of decades spent struggling to learn an unforgiving craft—illuminates both the mysteries of the mind and the realities of the operating room.

Living and Dying in Brick City Sampson Davis 2013-02-12 A riveting personal exploration of the healthcare crisis facing inner-city communities, written by an emergency room physician who grew up in the very neighborhood he is now serving. Sampson Davis is best known as one of three friends from inner-city Newark who made a pact in high school to become doctors. Their book *The Pact* and their work through the Three Doctors Foundation have inspired countless young men and women to strive for goals they otherwise would not have dreamed they could attain. In this book, Dr. Davis looks at the healthcare crisis in the inner city from a rare perspective: as a doctor who works on the front line of emergency medical care in the community where he grew up, and as a member of that community who has faced the same challenges as the people he treats every day. He also offers invaluable practical advice for those living in such communities, where conditions like asthma, heart disease, stroke, obesity, and AIDS are disproportionately endemic. Dr. Davis's sister, a drug addict, died of AIDS; his brother is now paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair as a result of a bar fight; and he himself did time in juvenile detention—a wake-up call that changed his life. He recounts recognizing a young man who is brought to the E.R. with critical gunshot wounds as someone who was arrested with him when he was a teenager during a robbery gone bad; describes a patient whose case of sickle-cell anemia rouses an ethical dilemma; and explains the difficulty he has convincing his landlord and friend, an older woman, to go to the hospital for much-needed treatment. With empathy and hard-earned wisdom, *Living and Dying in Brick City* presents an urgent picture of medical care in our cities. It is an important resource guide for anyone at risk, anyone close to those at risk, and anyone who cares about the fate of our cities. Praise for *Living and Dying in Brick City* “A pull-no-punches look at health care from a seldom-heard sector . . . *Living and Dying* isn't a sky-is-falling chronicle. It's a real, gutsy view of a city hospital.”—*Essence* “Gripping . . . a prescription to help kids dream bigger than their circumstances, from someone who really knows.”—*People* “[Dr. Davis] is really a local hero. His story has inspired so many of our young people, and he's got his finger on the pulse of what is a challenge in Newark, and frankly all across America. . . . I think his book is going to make a big impact.”—Cory Booker “Some memoirs are heartfelt, some are informative and some are even important. Few, however, are all three. . . . As rare as it is for a book to be heartfelt, well written and inspirational, it's even rarer for a critic to say that a book should be required reading. This ought to be included in high school curricula—for the kids in the suburbs who have no idea what life is like in the inner cities, and for the kids in the inner cities to know that there is a way out.”—*The Star-Ledger* “Dramatic and powerful.”—*New York Daily News* “This book just might save your life. Sampson

Davis shares fascinating stories from the E.R. and addresses the inner-city health crisis. His book is an important investment in your most valuable resource: your health.”—Suze Orman, author of *The Money Class*

Hospital Sydney Lewis 1994 Using Chicago's Cook County Hospital as a microcosm of the human and social problems in America, shows how doctors, staff, and patients deal with victims of violence, incurable diseases, and racial tensions

Healing Children Kurt Newman 2017 "A groundbreaking medical memoir by one of our nation's leading pediatric surgeons - the visionary head of Children's National - for fans of Jerome Groopman and Atul Gawande. Anyone who has seen a child recover from a deep wound or a broken bone knows that kids are made to heal. Their bodies are more resilient, more adaptive, and far more able to withstand acute stress than adults. And yet children are often treated as an afterthought by the medical establishment and shunted off to doctors who specialize in treating adults. Will an anesthesiologist accustomed to treating older patients know how best to handle a toddler going under for the first time? If your soccer-playing daughter suffers a concussion, should you take her to the nearest ER--or drive further to seek out doctors who specialize in treating kids? In this deeply inspiring memoir Dr. Kurt Newman draws from his long experience as a pediatric surgeon working at one of our nation's top children's hospitals to make the case that children are more than miniature adults. Through the story of his own career and deeply moving accounts of the brave kids he has treated over the years (and their equally brave and determined parents) he reveals the revolution that is taking place in pediatric medicine"--

Violence, Trauma, and Trauma Surgery Mark Siegler 2020-02-27 This unique and innovative title offers a comprehensive exploration of the intersection of ethics, violence, trauma, and trauma surgery. Underscoring that the causes of violence include a wide range of socioeconomic factors, including poverty and the lack of economic opportunity, and that violence often occurs in impoverished and underserved communities, various authors from a wide range of disciplines outline how intentional violence toward another person is multidimensional and complex. Many of the authors use Chicago as a framework for their chapter discussion, but there are similarities in many urban settings throughout the United States and abroad. Part I of the book, *Ethical Issues Related to Violence*, includes seven chapters that examine ethical issues related to violence. Each of these chapters discusses a different but intersecting aspect of how violence challenges ethical standards in medicine and health. Part II, *Ethical Issues Related to Trauma and Trauma Surgery*, offers eight chapters that address various aspects of ethical issues related to trauma and trauma surgery. Part III, *Additional Concerns Relating to Violence and Trauma*, describe a series of issues relating to violence and trauma, including surgical procedures, psychological distress, and geographic disparities in access to trauma care. Developed by nationally renowned thought leaders in the field, *Violence, Trauma, and Trauma Surgery* is a major and novel contribution to the clinical literature and will be of great interest to all

physicians, clinicians, researchers, social scientists, students, policymakers, hospital administrators and community leaders concerned with understanding and improving outcomes relating to violence, trauma, and trauma surgery.

Bellevue David Oshinsky 2016-11-15 From a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian comes a riveting history of New York's iconic public hospital that charts the turbulent rise of American medicine. Bellevue Hospital, on New York City's East Side, occupies a colorful and horrifying place in the public imagination: a den of mangled crime victims, vicious psychopaths, assorted derelicts, lunatics, and exotic-disease sufferers. In its two and a half centuries of service, there was hardly an epidemic or social catastrophe—or groundbreaking scientific advance—that did not touch Bellevue. David Oshinsky, whose last book, *Polio: An American Story*, was awarded a Pulitzer Prize, chronicles the history of America's oldest hospital and in so doing also charts the rise of New York to the nation's preeminent city, the path of American medicine from butchery and quackery to a professional and scientific endeavor, and the growth of a civic institution. From its origins in 1738 as an almshouse and pesthouse, Bellevue today is a revered public hospital bringing first-class care to anyone in need. With its diverse, ailing, and unprotesting patient population, the hospital was a natural laboratory for the nation's first clinical research. It treated tens of thousands of Civil War soldiers, launched the first civilian ambulance corps and the first nursing school for women, pioneered medical photography and psychiatric treatment, and spurred New York City to establish the country's first official Board of Health. As medical technology advanced, "voluntary" hospitals began to seek out patients willing to pay for their care. For charity cases, it was left to Bellevue to fill the void. The latter decades of the twentieth century brought rampant crime, drug addiction, and homelessness to the nation's struggling cities—problems that called a public hospital's very survival into question. It took the AIDS crisis to cement Bellevue's enduring place as New York's ultimate safety net, the iconic hospital of last resort. Lively, page-turning, fascinating, Bellevue is essential American history.

Behind the Curtain Jeffrey E. Sterling 2015 "Revealing and unflinching, 'Behind the Curtain' offers an unfiltered look inside the real-life traumas and triumphs that define emergency medicine. . . . Both an enlightening memoir and an unforgiving mirror reflecting the best and worst of human behavior, 'Behind the Curtain' unveils the insidious consequences of everyday risks and seemingly innocuous habits."--Back cover.

Practical Teaching in Emergency Medicine Robert L. Rogers 2012-10-18 Emergency medicine attendings who wish to hone their teaching skills can find a number of books on educational strategies written by physicians from other disciplines. However, until the publication of the first edition of this book, they did not have access to a text written by emergency medicine physicians on methods of teaching that are directly applicable to teaching EM. This book was compiled to meet that need. Following the introductory section, which provides important background information, the book's contents are organized into 4 sections that correspond to the core needs and interests of EM educators:

Section 2 focuses on practical and ethical considerations of teaching in the ED; Section 3 provides strategies for teaching specific groups of learners; Section 4 looks at the skills that are characteristic of the best EM educators; and Section 5 looks in depth at specific teaching techniques and strategies. Now more than ever this book addresses the needs of physician educators from all over the world. New chapters discuss lecturing to an international audience; using simulation as a teaching tool; how to make journal club work for you, and other topics that are of broad interest to medical educators in this field. In general, each chapter has been updated and reviewed to make sure the content was something that emergency physician educators could use in any country. The chapter contributors are widely regarded as leaders in the field of emergency medicine education and faculty development. Authors were given free rein to develop their chapters and write in their own style. They were asked to present their personal views on how to successfully teach the art of emergency medicine, rather than review evidence-based guidelines regarding medical education. As a result, most of the chapters have few references. This first-person approach to a multi-authored textbook yields a compilation that varies in style from chapter to chapter and exposes the reader to a variety of communication techniques.

The Nurses Alexandra Robbins 2015-04-14 A New York Times bestseller. "A funny, intimate, and often jaw-dropping account of life behind the scenes."—People Nurses is the compelling story of the year in the life of four nurses, and the drama, unsung heroism, and unique sisterhood of nursing—one of the world's most important professions (nurses save lives every day), and one of the world's most dangerous, filled with violence, trauma, and PTSD. In following four nurses, Alexandra Robbins creates sympathetic characters while diving deep into their world of controlled chaos. It's a world of hazing—"nurses eat their young." Sex—not exactly like on TV, but surprising just the same. Drug abuse—disproportionately a problem among the best and the brightest, and a constant temptation. And bullying—by peers, by patients, by hospital bureaucrats, and especially by doctors, an epidemic described as lurking in the "shadowy, dark corners of our profession." The result is a page-turning, shocking look at our health-care system.

God's Hotel Victoria Sweet 2013-04-02 Victoria Sweet's new book, SLOW MEDICINE, is on sale now! For readers of Paul Kalanithi's When Breath Becomes Air, a medical "page-turner" that traces one doctor's "remarkable journey to the essence of medicine" (The San Francisco Chronicle). San Francisco's Laguna Honda Hospital is the last almshouse in the country, a descendant of the Hôtel-Dieu (God's hotel) that cared for the sick in the Middle Ages. Ballet dancers and rock musicians, professors and thieves—"anyone who had fallen, or, often, leapt, onto hard times" and needed extended medical care—ended up here. So did Victoria Sweet, who came for two months and stayed for twenty years. Laguna Honda, relatively low-tech but human-paced, gave Sweet the opportunity to practice a kind of attentive medicine that has almost vanished. Gradually, the place transformed the way she understood her work. Alongside the modern view of the body as a machine to be fixed, her extraordinary patients evoked an older idea, of the body as a garden to be tended. God's Hotel tells their story and

the story of the hospital itself, which, as efficiency experts, politicians, and architects descended, determined to turn it into a modern "health care facility," revealed its own surprising truths about the essence, cost, and value of caring for the body and the soul.

America's State Fair Impresario 2020-01-01 Born in poverty in 19th century New York City, Mike Barnes rose to become America's premiere 20th century American show fair impresario, who embodied the Irving Berlin lyric, "There's no business like show business." For four decades, he presented dramatic spectacles worthy of Cecil B. DeMille, musical and dancing revues that rivaled anything by Busby Berkeley, animal acts, daredevil wing walkers, human cannonballs, flagpole sitters and auto demolitions. He assembled and directed these acts, entertaining millions across the United States, even during times of depression and world war. His influence on outdoor lighting and sound system presentation is still felt today in 21st century outdoor performances. Besides a snapshot of midcentury America, *America's State Fair Impresario: The Life & Times of Mike Barnes* is the story of a modest man who was a brilliant showman, shrewd businessman, philanthropist, and exemplary family man. In short, a legendary American.

The Comfort Garden Laurie Barkin 2011 *The Comfort Garden: Tales from the Trauma Unit When the Caregiver Needs Solace* *The Comfort Garden* is Laurie Barkin's account of the five years she worked as a psychiatric nurse on the surgical/trauma unit at San Francisco General Hospital. Told against the backdrop of patients who survived motor vehicle accidents, falls, fires, fists, bullets, and knives, *The Comfort Garden* is a metaphor for the emotional support caregivers need. The story illuminates the issues of compassion fatigue and vicarious trauma that may develop in caregivers when exposure to tragedy becomes routine. *The Comfort Garden* will appeal to health care professionals, firefighters, police, war veterans, social workers, journalists, students, and anyone whose life is touched by trauma. "The *Comfort Garden* reveals the real world of human-to-human caring at its highest level." Jean Watson, RN, PhD, author of *Human Caring Science: A Theory of Nursing* "Laurie is that rare health professional with a gift for narrative and a story to tell. This is an important book for any health care worker, but especially for those of us who consider ourselves traumatic stress specialists. It reinforces the values and the spirit that brought us into the field. And it reminds us of the obstacles we face every day: human cruelty, social injustice, dwindling resources. Read this. You'll be better for it." Frank M Ochberg MD, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Michigan State University Laurie Barkin "sensitively documents the process of vicarious trauma how caregivers like herself internalize their patients trauma." *San Francisco Chronicle* "In an age when hospitals have been turning to quicker-acting medications, faster discharges, and fewer deep and meaningful conversations with patients, Laurie Barkin takes the opposite position. She urges us to make the time to use our knowledge of psychodynamic psychotherapy to help traumatized people early in the course of their distress." Lenore Terr MD, psychiatrist, author of *Too Scared to Cry* "Whenever we walk into a hospital or a doctor's office we often assume that the patients

are somehow broken, sick or frightened and that the nurses and doctors are whole, healthy and brave. In stories that prove these assumptions false, Laurie Barkin shows us how permeable the line actually is between the cared for and the caregiver." Cortney Davis, author of *The Heart's Truth: Essays on the Art of Nursing*

Cooked Carol Karels 2010-01-01 In May 1971, *Look* magazine featured an article entitled "Chicago's Cook County Hospital: A Terrible Place." The article provided an in-depth look at the largest public hospital in the country, one located on Chicago's dangerous gang-controlled and drug-infested West Side. Months later, the author, then a naive suburban teen, and one hundred other nursing students, began their training there, despite newspaper articles that warned that the hospital might close any day. At 'the County,' where nurse duties included swatting flies in the OR and delousing patients, both nurses and doctors were expected to provide care under the most desperate of circumstances. *Cooked* provides an inside look at the 2,000-bed ghetto hospital, often referred to as a "19th-century sick house," that provided health care to millions of Chicago's poor.

The Year THEY Tried to Kill Me Salvatore Iaquinta 2012-10-01 "The only people who think you are a doctor are you and your mom.' Not exactly the warm welcome I hoped for. But I was just a naive Wisconsin boy, fresh out of medical school and new to Oakland, California. I chose Highland Hospital for my surgical internship: an entire year filled with sick patients, brutal work hours, more brutal staff surgeons, and flawed attempts to maintain a long-distance relationship. Yet, somehow, it's a work of nonfictional comedy. I take on many roles throughout the story. I'm a kid who still plays Tetris, a guy who can't commit to his girlfriend, an untrained doctor who finds himself cutting open people's skulls, and a fish out of water who is called to the ER to drain the blood from a cocaine-engorged penis. But this adventure isn't just crazy hospital anecdotes or what it takes to become a surgeon. It's a coming of age tale about learning what it means to be a caregiver. Sure, I worked 40 hours without sleep, but that is only one of the ways They tried to kill me. Their real evil was crushing the enthusiasm and compassion of their trainees. I struggled to remain a 'normal' human while joining a fraternity of holier-than-thou surgeons, and nothing grounded me more than trying to cope with the illnesses within my own family. If this book proves anything, it's that "Laughter is the best medicine, but surgery is a close second." Enjoy.

Chicago Flashbulbs Cory Franklin, MD 2013-06-01 "There is always a place for well-crafted, entertaining and informative essays and *Chicago Flashbulbs* fills that niche. Dr. Franklin's great enthusiasm and insights make these varied pieces both entertaining and memorable. His attention to detail in observing the human condition and his wry sense of humor will draw the reader in." - Howard Nearman, MD, MBA, Cascorbi Professor/Department Chair, Case Western university "Chicago Flashbulbs is filled with characters you want to read about: from hardworking teachers to a Princess; faded Hollywood legends, inspired physicians, rock stars and sports heroes. There are gripping accounts

of the tragedy of wars, disease and man-made disasters as well as essays on the absurdity and humor of everyday life. The virtuous are celebrated while the pompous are revealed, as they should be." -Cynthia Kelly Conlon, JD, PhD, Adjunct Faculty, Northwestern university, School of education and Social Policy "These essays are custom-crafted for the news and nostalgia junkie which appeared in the op-ed page of the Chicago Tribune and in other publications. They are colorfully recounted stories of the high-born, the low-born and some who wished they had never been born. Readers will find themselves drawn into the subjects' lives." - Lt. Colonel Jim Nicholson, uS Army reserve (ret.), Former investigative reporter, Philadelphia Daily News, Author of Because No One Else

Death Becomes Us Pamela Skjolsvik 2015-12-02 Almost everyone with a pulse fears death, but not everyone fears life. With crippling social anxiety, I feared both. But after an accidental call to a funeral home during my mid-life crisis trip to grad school, I reluctantly embarked on a journey to explore professions that dealt with death in order to come to terms with my own mortality. (From cover).

Flower Power Dany Chan 2017-06-06 In 1967, the phrase "flower power" transformed the commonplace flower into a Buddhist-inspired symbol of peace. In honor of the fiftieth anniversary of San Francisco's "Summer of Love," this art and design book showcases the expressive powers of flowers in Asian arts and cultures. Beginning in ancient times, a language of flowers, where certain blooms suggest specific themes, was communicated in art throughout Asia. Here forty artworks, all drawn from the Asian Art Museum's renowned collection, focus on six celebrated flowers—lotus, plum blossom, cherry blossom, chrysanthemum, tulip, and rose—and the messages they convey.

Something for the Pain: One Doctor's Account of Life and Death in the ER Paul Austin 2009-10-21 "A stunning account of the chaos of the emergency room." –Boston Globe In this eye-opening account of life in the ER, Paul Austin recalls how the daily grind of long, erratic shifts and endless hordes of patients with sad stories sent him down a path of bitterness and cynicism. Gritty, powerful, and ultimately redemptive, *Something for the Pain* is a revealing glimpse into the fragility of compassion and sanity in the industrial setting of today's hospitals.

Anatomies: A Cultural History of the Human Body Hugh Aldersey-Williams 2014-05-19 Combining science, history, and culture, explores every aspect of human anatomy from ancient body art to modern plastic surgery, discussing why some people are left-handed and why some cultures think the soul resides in the liver.

County David A. Ansell 2012-05-01 The amazing tale of "County" is the story of one of America's oldest and most unusual urban hospitals. From its inception as a "poor house" dispensing free medical care to indigents, Chicago's Cook County Hospital has been renowned as a teaching hospital and the healthcare provider

of last resort for the city's uninsured. Ansell covers more than thirty years of its history, beginning in the late 1970s when the author began his internship, to the "Final Rounds" when the enormous iconic Victorian hospital building was replaced. Ansell writes of the hundreds of doctors who underwent rigorous training with him. He writes of politics, from contentious union strikes to battles against "patient dumping," and public health, depicting the AIDS crisis and the Out of Printening of County's HIV/AIDS clinic, the first in the city. And finally it is a coming-of-age story for a young doctor set against a backdrOut of Print of race, segregation, and poverty. This is a riveting account.

The Ultimate Guide To Choosing a Medical Specialty Brian Freeman 2004-01-09 The first medical specialty selection guide written by residents for students! Provides an inside look at the issues surrounding medical specialty selection, blending first-hand knowledge with useful facts and statistics, such as salary information, employment data, and match statistics. Focuses on all the major specialties and features firsthand portrayals of each by current residents. Also includes a guide to personality characteristics that are predominate with practitioners of each specialty. "A terrific mixture of objective information as well as factual data make this book an easy, informative, and interesting read." --Review from a 4th year Medical Student

Diagnosis Lisa Sanders 2019-08-13 A collection of more than fifty hard-to-crack medical quandaries, featuring the best of The New York Times Magazine's popular Diagnosis column—now a Netflix original series "Lisa Sanders is a paragon of the modern medical detective storyteller."—Atul Gawande, author of *Being Mortal* As a Yale School of Medicine physician, the New York Times bestselling author of *Every Patient Tells a Story*, and an inspiration and adviser for the hit Fox TV drama *House, M.D.*, Lisa Sanders has seen it all. And yet she is often confounded by the cases she describes in her column: unexpected collections of symptoms that she and other physicians struggle to diagnose. A twenty-eight-year-old man, vacationing in the Bahamas for his birthday, tries some barracuda for dinner. Hours later, he collapses on the dance floor with crippling stomach pains. A middle-aged woman returns to her doctor, after visiting two days earlier with a mild rash on the back of her hands. Now the rash has turned purple and has spread across her entire body in whiplike streaks. A young elephant trainer in a traveling circus, once head-butted by a rogue zebra, is suddenly beset with splitting headaches, as if someone were "slamming a door inside his head." In each of these cases, the path to diagnosis—and treatment—is winding, sometimes frustratingly unclear. Dr. Sanders shows how making the right diagnosis requires expertise, painstaking procedure, and sometimes a little luck. Intricate, gripping, and full of twists and turns, *Diagnosis* puts readers in the doctor's place. It lets them see what doctors see, feel the uncertainty they feel—and experience the thrill when the puzzle is finally solved.

A Guide to Writing College Admissions Essays Cory M. Franklin 2021-04-23 This book is a handy, readable manual, which deals with the practical problems

students face when writing their college admission essays.

Kill as Few Patients as Possible Oscar London 2008 This oft-quoted all-time favorite of the medical community will gladden--and strengthen--the hearts of patients, doctors, and anyone entering medical study, internship, or practice. With unassailable logic and rapier wit, the sage Dr. Oscar London muses on the challenges and joys of doctoring, and imparts timeless truths, reality checks, and poignant insights gleaned from 30 years of general practice--while never taking himself (or his profession) too seriously. The classic book on the art and humor of practicing medicine, celebrating its 20th anniversary in a new gift edition with updates throughout. Previous editions have sold more than 200,000 copies. The perfect gift for med students and grads as well as new and practicing physicians. Approximately 17,000 students graduate from med school each spring in North America.

Proper Doctoring David Mendel 2013-09-24 "People come to us for help. They come for health and strength." With these simple words David Mendel begins *Proper Doctoring*, a book about what it means (and takes) to be a good doctor, and for that reason very much a book for patients as well as doctors--which is to say a book for everyone. In crisp, clear prose, he introduces readers to the craft of medicine and shows how to practice it. Discussing matters ranging from the most basic--how doctors should dress and how they should speak to patients--to the taking of medical histories, the etiquette of examinations, and the difficulties of diagnosis, Mendel moves on to consider how the doctor can best serve patients who suffer from prolonged illness or face death. Throughout he keeps in sight the fundamental moral fact that the relationship between doctor and patient is a human one before it is a professional one. As he writes with characteristic concision, "The trained and experienced doctor puts himself, or his nearest and dearest, in the patient's position, and asks himself what he would do if he were advising himself or his family. No other advice is acceptable; no other is justifiable." *Proper Doctoring* is a book that is admirably direct, as well as wise, witty, deeply humane, and, frankly, indispensable.

Miracles We Have Seen Harley Rotbart 2016-09-13 This is a book of miracles-- medical events witnessed by leading physicians for which there is no reasonable medical explanation, or, if there is, the explanation itself is extraordinary. These dramatic first-person essays detail spectacular serendipities, impossible cures, breathtaking resuscitations, extraordinary awakenings, and recovery from unimaginable disasters. Still other essays give voice to cases in which the physical aspects were less dramatic than the emotional aspects, yet miraculous and transformational for everyone involved. Positive impacts left in the wake of even the gravest of tragedies, profound triumphs of heart and spirit. Preeminent physicians in many specialties, including deans and department heads on the faculties of the top university medical schools in the country describe, in everyday language and with moving testimony, their very personal reactions to these remarkable clinical experiences. Among the extraordinary cases poignantly recounted by the physicians witnessing them: A priest visiting a

hospitalized patient went into cardiac arrest on the elevator, which opened up on the cardiac floor, right at the foot of the cardiac specialist, at just the right moment. A tiny premature baby dying from irreversible lung disease despite the most intensive care who recovered almost immediately after being taken from his hospital bed and placed on his mother's chest. President John F. Kennedy's son Patrick, who died shortly after birth, and whose disease eventually led to research that saved generations of babies. A nine-year-old boy who was decapitated in a horrific car accident but survived without neurological damage. A woman who conceived and delivered a healthy baby-- despite having had both of her fallopian tubes surgically removed. A young man whose only hope for survival was a heart transplant, but just at the moment he developed a potentially fatal complication making a transplant impossible, his own heart began healing itself. A teenage girl near death after contracting full-blown rabies who became the first patient ever to recover from that disease after an unexpected visit by Timothy Dolan, the man who would go on to become the Archbishop of New York. A Manhattan window-washer who fell 47 stories--and not only became the only person ever to survive a fall from that height, but went on to make a full recovery. *Miracles We Have Seen* is a book of inspiration and optimism, and a compelling glimpse into the lives of physicians--their humanity and determined devotion to their patients and their patients' families. It reminds us that what we don't know or don't understand isn't necessarily cause for fear, and can even be reason for hope.

America's State Fair Impresario Cory M. Franklin 2019-12-24 Born in poverty in 19th century New York City, Mike Barnes rose to become America's premiere 20th century American show fair impresario, who embodied the Irving Berlin lyric, "There's no business like show business." For four decades, he presented dramatic spectacles worthy of Cecil B. DeMille, musical and dancing revues that rivaled anything by Busby Berkeley, animal acts, daredevil wing walkers, human cannonballs, flagpole sitters and auto demolitions. He assembled and directed these acts, entertaining millions across the United States, even during times of depression and world war. His influence on outdoor lighting and sound system presentation is still felt today in 21st century outdoor performances. Besides a snapshot of midcentury America, *America's State Fair Impresario: The Life & Times of Mike Barnes* is the story of a modest man who was a brilliant showman, shrewd businessman, philanthropist, and exemplary family man. In short, a legendary American.

Cook County ICU Cory Franklin 2015-09-01 An inside look at one of the nation's most famous public hospitals as seen through the eyes of its longtime director of intensive care Filled with stories of strange medical cases and unforgettable patients culled from a 30-year career in medicine, Cook County ICU offers readers a peek into the inner workings of a hospital. Author Dr. Cory Franklin, who headed the hospital's intensive care unit from the 1970s through the 1990s, shares his most unique and bizarre experiences, including the deadly Chicago heatwave of 1995, treating the first AIDS patients in the country before the disease was diagnosed, the nurse with rare Muchausen syndrome, the only surviving ricin victim, and the professor with Alzheimer's

hiding the effects of the wrong medication. Surprising, darkly humorous, heartwarming, and sometimes tragic, these stories provide a big-picture look at how the practice of medicine has changed over the years, making it an enjoyable read for patients, doctors, and anyone with an interest in medicine.

Letters from the Pit Patrick Crocker 2019-01-14 In a culture of comic book heroes, it's gratifying to be reminded that there are real heroes out there. Every day the staff of emergency rooms throughout the world are saving lives - 24/7/365. Dr. Patrick Crocker provides us an intimate glimpse into the growing mind of an emergency physician, from residency to retirement. Told in a unique first-person stream of consciousness style, you are right in the middle of the action, looking over the doctor's shoulder while he works. In this compilation of notable, frightening, funny, sad, and poignant cases, you'll see Dr. Crocker's struggles to Do No Harm in the most challenging of situations. Through these stories, you'll see him find the delicate balance between help and harm, empathy and self-preservation.

White Coat Ellen L. Rothman 2000-04-26 White Coat is Dr. Ellen Lerner Rothman's vivid account of her four years at Harvard Medical School. Describing the grueling hours and emotional hurdles she underwent to earn the degree of M.D., Dr. Rothman tells the story of one woman's transformation from a terrified first-year medical student into a confident, competent doctor. Touching on the most relevant issues in medicine today--such as HMOs, AIDS, and assisted suicide--Dr. Rothman recounts her despair and exhilaration as a medical student, from the stress of exams to the hard-won rewards that came from treating patients. The anecdotes in White Coat are funny, heartbreaking, and at times horrifying. Each chapter takes us deeper into Dr. Rothman's medical school experience, illuminating her struggle to walk the line between too much and not enough intimacy with her patients. For readers of Perri Klass and Richard Selzer, Dr. Rothman looks candidly at medicine and presents an unvarnished perspective on a subject that matters to us all. White Coat opens the infamously closed door between patient and doctor in a book that will change the way we look at our medical establishment. In White Coat, Ellen Rothman offers a vivid account of her four years at one of the best medical schools in the country, and opens the infamously closed door between patient and doctor. Touching on today's most important medical issues -- such as HMOs, AIDS, and assisted suicide -- the author navigates her way through despair, exhilaration, and a lot of exhaustion in Harvard's classrooms and Boston's hospitals to earn the indisputable title to which we entrust our lives. With a thoughtful, candid voice, Rothman writes about a wide range of experiences -- from a dream about holding the hand of a cadaver she had dissected to the acute embarrassment she felt when asking patients about their sexual histories. She shares her horror at treating a patient with a flesh-eating skin infection, the anxiety of being "pimped" by doctors for information (when doctors quiz students on anatomy and medicine), as well as the ultimate reward of making the transformation and of earning a doctor's white coat. For readers of Perri Klass, Richard Selzer, and the millions of fans of ER, White Coat is a fascinating account of one woman's journey through school and into the high-stakes drama of the medical world. In

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ER Sketches Carol Jarmel-fishman 2015-05-12 In a busy urban Emergency Department the staff must balance their professional lives with their own personal and family struggles. This book contains interconnected short stories in which the doctors, nurses and other staff members attempt to keep separate these two spheres of their lives, for to allow them to overlap would make their lives even more difficult. Pain, tragedy, humor and compassion fill these pages as events unfold and the characters struggle to maintain equilibrium; the author is a retired ER nurse, and these stories are all based on real people and incidents.

Complications Todd Balf 2020-07-21 His story begins as cliché: an aging jock with nagging lower-back pain. For the better part of a year, he ignores it, convinced he has a slipped or herniated disk. It's only when he can no longer ride a bike, a lifelong passion, that he makes the doctor appointment. The problem isn't a disk; it's a tumor on his spine the size of a softball. In the summer of 2014, Todd Balf, author of the acclaimed adventure tales *The Darkest Jungle* and *The Last River*, was diagnosed with a rare spinal cancer called chordoma. Only three hundred cases are diagnosed in the United States each year, meaning that Balf was literally one in a million. During two long and risky surgeries, a team of specialists removed the tumor and buttressed his damaged spine with a scaffolding of metal rods. Having survived the surgery, itself a minor miracle, Balf was told that, with some rehab and follow-up radiation, he would soon be back to his former athletic self. He wasn't. The surgery had resulted in a spinal-cord injury that left one of his legs partially paralyzed. Give it time, his doctors advised. The nerves might heal. Thus began Balf's membership in a tribe. The disabled. He imagined his own disability would be temporary, a short visit to a foreign land. He spent years test-piloting remedies that might spark his spinal nerves back to life. With the same gusto and good humor that he brought to his work as a writer, he searched for the perfect treatment: anti-gravity treadmills, adaptive bikes, endless rehab and trips to the gym, and--why not?--a few long-distance cycling

events. His wife and children, long accustomed to Balf's kinetic energy and sometimes harebrained schemes, cheered him on and hoped for the best. Then came unexpected surgery to repair broken rods in Balf's spine, followed by yet another complication: a stroke that jeopardized not only his recovery but his professional career. Balf wasn't just one in a million. Thanks to his unresolved spine injury, topped off with a stroke, he was now an "n of 1"—a single case study. Before his long medical misadventure, Balf had always relished being one of the healthiest and fittest people around. Now he was unique for all the wrong reasons. *Complications* recounts Balf's journey from cancer diagnosis to his present-day reality as a man caught between two worlds. Both moving and irrepressibly joyful, *Complications* is a forthright account of what it's like to suffer a physical catastrophe and manage the uncertainty that comes with it. What's the right balance between striving to recover and accepting limitations? Was he still just visiting the land of the disabled, or there for good? Who was Todd Balf now?

Every Patient Tells a Story Lisa Sanders 2009 A Yale School of Medicine physician, columnist for "Diagnosis," and technical advisor for the television show *House* shares the experiences of doctors facing complex medical mysteries in order to illustrate the art and science of diagnosis. Reprint. A New York Times extended-list bestseller.

The Real Doctor Will See You Shortly Matt McCarthy 2016-04 "A young doctor stumbles through his experience as a first year intern at a major New York hospital"--

[The Sawbones Book](#) Justin McElroy 2018-10-09 A compelling, often hilarious and occasionally horrifying exploration of how modern medicine came to be! Wondering whether eating powdered mummies might be just the thing to cure your ills? Tempted by those vintage ads suggesting you wear radioactive underpants for virility? Ever considered drilling a hole in your head to deal with those pesky headaches? Probably not. But for thousands of years, people have done things like this—and things that make radioactive underpants seem downright sensible! In their hit podcast, *Sawbones*, Sydnee and Justin McElroy breakdown the weird and wonderful way we got to modern healthcare. And some of the terrifying detours along the way. Every week, Dr. Sydnee McElroy and her husband Justin amaze, amuse, and gross out (depending on the week) hundreds of thousands of avid listeners to their podcast, *Sawbones*. Consistently rated a top podcast on iTunes, with over 15 million total downloads, this rollicking journey through thousands of years of medical mishaps and miracles is not only hilarious but downright educational. While you may never even consider applying boiled weasel to your forehead (once the height of sophistication when it came to headache cures), you will almost certainly face some questionable medical advice in your everyday life (we're looking at you, raw water!) and be better able to figure out if this is a miracle cure (it's not) or a scam. Table of Contents: Part 1: The Unnerving The Resurrection Men Opium An Electrifying Experience Weight Loss Charcoal The Black Plague Pliny the Elder Erectile Dysfunction Spontaneous Combustion The Doctor Is In Trepanation Part II: The

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A Time to Kill John Grisham 2010-03-16 #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The master of the legal thriller probes the savage depths of racial violence in this searing courtroom drama featuring the beloved Jake Brigance. “John Grisham may well be the best American storyteller writing today.”—The Philadelphia Inquirer The life of a ten-year-old black girl is shattered by two drunken and remorseless white men. The mostly white town of Clanton in Ford County, Mississippi, reacts with shock and horror at the inhuman crime—until the girl’s father acquires an assault rifle and takes justice into his own hands. For ten days, as burning crosses and the crack of sniper fire spread through the streets of Clanton, the nation sits spellbound as defense attorney Jake Brigance struggles to save his client’s life—and then his own. Don’t miss any of John Grisham’s gripping books featuring Jake Brigance: **A TIME TO KILL • SYCAMORE ROW • A TIME FOR MERCY • SPARRING PARTNERS**