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Tim says

I've never read anything quite like this -- self-absorbed and self-congratulatory, but unique in that there is some genuine medical advice scattered within this juvenile text. Smart and goofy, like Mel Brooks on a page.

Stacey Costas says

It was fun, but nevertheless failed to be as good as the previous books of these two authors.

Omar says

I picked this up from the University Bookstore thinking it would be one of those books I could read a couple of pages here and there when I was eating on campus...but it reads like a 15 year old wrote it...it was Horrible, no wait...it was worse, it was EL HORRIBLE!

Gabriella says

I'd give this book a 1.5 actually- okay it is light-hearted, there are some parts that are trying to be funny- I think I don't appreciate this book as much since I am in the medical field, so it wasn't that interesting to me. I liked his other 2 books much, much more (Why do men have nipples & Why do men fall asleep after sex).

Kim says

This is just a compendium of stupid body jokes that most of us already know, such as "Tell everyone you need to micturate!" e.g., you have to pee. Ultimately this was a boring book.

Ken says

This book was terrible. The authors think they are hilarious but they really aren't. The only reason I finished the book was because I had read the first two in the series.

Elizabeth Nesbit-comer says

Stupid book.

Jorge says

Still a very entertaining read but not as entertaining as its two predecessors. Why Do Men Have Nipples? & Why Do Men Fall Asleep After Having Sex?. But there is an oath and a diploma when you finish the book.

Richard Stephenson says

I thought it was okay.

I guess this branch of humor just doesn't tickle my funny bone. But I felt there were some REALLY long lull points in this one. I know for a fact I laughed out loud at least once. Not sure about the rest of the book.

I'm probably not the target audience for this one. Miss.

Ryan Bauman says

A light-hearted, quirky way to gain a small glimpse into the large world of information that medical practitioners learn posed in an anecdotal, frat-guy style that helps to disguise the value of the bits of medical information tucked in between the humour.

Joshua says

It was okay, but not nearly up-to-par with the previous two books by these authors. Still had some funny parts and quirky information, though.

Greg Parrott says

Just not the usual book from these guys. The humor has slipped in my opinion. Almost like slap-stick. Read the first two these wrote together and stop there.

Ines says

“How do I know if I’m smart enough to be a doctor? Well...uh... you bought this book, right? No

offense, but that kinda answers the question.”

I have never been roasted so hard by a book.

That aside, I really enjoyed this! I will say, I think you can only fully appreciate this book if you are in the healthcare field, studying it, or aspiring to study it. The book continuously refers to the ‘reader’ as any average person not in the health profession, probably one who is reading this book on the toilet or in the car in between errands. While I have no doubt that that profile may fit many of those who read this book and will in the future, I must admit that if I was not in the health profession I don’t think I would ever be able to give a book like this above 2 stars. It falls into that strange genre between fiction and nonfiction that’s not really self-help, and I normally never pick up books like these as I generally view them as a waste of my time - The Book of Awesome, for example, comes to mind. However, due to my experiences and aspirations within the healthcare field I found this to be a well-executed book.

This is a relatively short book, but even the shortest of books can be tedious. I liked how each chapter has its own ‘theme’ that varied greatly from the previous and next, so the book never seemed repetitive. I thought it was organized well, as it’s not easy to make a book like this that provides a limited variety and amount of content read well. I particularly enjoyed the reflections on having been a med school student that were interspersed throughout the story regardless of the chapter, which - once again- are better appreciated if you’ve been through some sort of health-related schooling yourself. I found myself relating to and laughing along with most of the experiences mentioned in this story as a result of my own. From the smell of formaldehyde, to being so nervous at checking your first patient that you forget how to put on a stethoscope properly, to the first catheterization experience... it’s all here and it’s all so nostalgic to reminisce about.

I did not expect to read this book in order to become more prepared for med school and I did not complete it feeling that way - if those are your expectations, pick up an MCAT book instead. However, I was genuinely surprised at how well certain aspects of being an MD were occasionally described in this book! For example, using patient narratives to improve healthcare practice is a relatively recent trend that has enormously positive implications for the practice, and individualized care is something medical students and nursing students alike are taught to no end, and for good reason - it is extremely important. The following passage surprisingly summarized the importance of both:

“Patients trust their doctors and enjoy sharing their stories with them. In the medical field, we are privileged to have unique access into people’s lives, but there are limits and you must try to anticipate and respect each individual patient’s threshold for privacy.”

I really did not expect to see actual quality healthcare-related writing in this book, but there it was! The occurrences are by far outnumbered by silly jokes and random health-related trivia, which is no surprise, but it was still nice and unexpected to have passages like this at all. There was some good advice to be taken from this, amidst the laughs. Make no mistake, these authors do not take themselves seriously except for once in a while throughout the book when they’re not making a joke, but I’m not one to complain about a good time.

I was also a big fan of the health trivia that was presented. There are some basics that can usefully be applied to many different contexts, such as the difference between dorsal and ventral. There were a lot of interesting facts I had never previously known as well, and I’ve taken my share of health and biology courses. In addition to teaching the readers some of the basic foundations and bizarre fun facts, there is also a lot of

more specific yet applicable knowledge, like a fun mnemonic for the cranial nerves ('An Old Olympus Towering Tops, A Fat-Ass German Viewed Some Hops') and a very brief introduction to Henry Gray, the MD behind Gray's Anatomy and the importance of his book.

I will be keeping this book on my shelf to return to when I read a lighthearted read. Take it for what it's worth, and you may be surprised.
