



Becoming a Doctor Re-Membering a Medical Education

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Becoming a Doctor is the inside story of one person's transformation from naive student to professorial physician. It will make compelling reading for anyone who, when seeing a doctor, has wondered 'How did you get to be that way?'

This book is a personal account of a medical education that began in 1966. Being a medical student and doctor was (and still is) a blend of absurdities, frustrations and joys. The curriculum was shot through with holes in the 1960s, and it still is. A hospital is no place to learn about how ill people live their lives.

Readership

General readers who are curious about medical education and its effects; medical and other students and practitioners; academics with relevant interests

Key selling points

Presents a sometimes affectionate, sometimes scathing inside story of medical education and its effects on students and doctors

Raises troubling questions about the mentality and practice of a modern doctor

Suggests that medicine's current limitations, such as its naivety about psychology, have long histories

Exposes medicine's reluctance to reflect on itself and escape its traditional boundaries

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