

Aging

Author	Title	Year
Andrew Malcolm	<i>Someday</i>	1992*
Phillip Roth	<i>Patrimony: A True Story</i>	1996

Cultural Sensitivity

Author	Title	Year
Lori Alvord	<i>The Scalpel and the Silver Bear: The First Navajo Woman Surgeon Combines Western Medicine and Traditional Healing</i>	2000
Anne Fadiman	<i>The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down</i>	1998
Geri Ann Galanti	<i>Caring for Patients from Different Cultures: Case Studies from American Hospitals</i>	2003
Tracy Kidder	<i>Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World</i>	2004

History

Author	Title	Year
Wendy Barnaby	<i>The Plague Makers: The Secret World of Biological Warfare</i>	2002
Samuel Bloom	<i>Word As Scalpel: A History of Medical Sociology</i>	2002
Norman Gevitz	<i>The DO: Osteopathic Medicine in America</i>	2004
Norman Gevitz	<i>Other Healers: Unorthodox Medicine in America</i>	1988
Richard Gordon	<i>The Alarming History of Medicine</i>	1997
James Harvey	<i>Young American Health Quackery: Collected Essays</i>	1992*
Irvine Loudon (Ed.)	<i>Western Medicine, An Illustrated History</i>	2002
Stuart Moore	<i>Chiropractic in America: The History of a Medical Alternative</i>	1993
Sheil Rothman	<i>Living in the Shadow of Death: Tuberculosis and the Social Experience of Illness in American History</i>	1995
Paul Starr	<i>The Social Transformation of American Medicine</i>	1984
Harvey Young	<i>The Medical Messiahs, A Social History of Health Quackery in Twentieth-Century America</i>	1976
James C Whorton	<i>Nature Cures: The History of Alternative Medicine in America</i>	2004

Hospitals

Author	Title	Year
Howard Brody	<i>Stories of Sickness</i>	2002
Anton Chekhov	<i>Ward Six and Other Stories</i>	1999
Michael Crichton	<i>Five Patients: The Hospital Explained</i>	1970*
Peter E. Dans, MD	<i>Doctors in the Movies: Boil the Water and Just Say Aah</i>	2000
Susan Garrett	<i>Taking Care of Our Own: A Year in the Life of a Small Hospital</i>	1995*
Harlan Gibbs, MD & Alan Duncan Ross	<i>The Medicine of the ER, or How We Almost Die</i>	1996*
Stephen Sawicki	<i>Animal Hospital</i>	1997*

Humor

Author	Title	Year
The New Yorker	<i>The New Yorker Book of Doctors</i>	1996

Medical Ethics

Author	Title	Year
Charles L. Bosk	<i>Forgive and Remember: Managing Medical Failure</i>	2003
Atul Gawande	<i>Better: A Surgeon's Notes on Performance</i>	2007
Thomasine Kushner	<i>Ward Ethics: Dilemmas for Medical Students and Doctors in Training</i>	2001
Eileen Nechas	<i>Unequal Treatment, What You Don't Know About How Women are Treated by the Medical Community</i>	2004*
Gregory E. Pence	<i>Classic Cases in Medical Ethics: Accounts of Cases that Have Shaped Medical Ethics, with Philosophical, Legal, and Historical Backgrounds</i>	2007
J. Warren Salmon (Ed.)	<i>The Corporate Transformation of Health Care: Perspectives and Implications</i>	1994
Bernard Shaw	<i>The Doctor's Dilemma</i>	2006
D. Smedley & Adrienne Stith	<i>Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health</i>	2002
Paul Starr	<i>The Social Transformation of American Medicine</i>	1984

Medical Science

Author	Title	Year
Lewis Thomas	<i>The Youngest Science: Notes of a Medicine-Watcher</i>	1995
Lewis Thomas	<i>The Lives of a Cell: Notes of a Biology-Watcher</i>	1978
Lewis Thomas	<i>The Medusa and the Snail: More Notes of a Biology Watcher</i>	1979*
Lewis Thomas	<i>Late Night Thought on Listening to Mahler's Ninth Symphony</i>	1984*
Lewis Thomas	<i>The Fragile Species</i>	1996

Other Perspectives

Author	Title	Year
John Abramson	<i>Overdosed America</i>	2005
Howard Brody	<i>Stories of Sickness</i>	2002
Robert Coles	<i>The Call of Stories, Teaching and the Moral Imagination</i>	1990
Robert Coles	<i>The Call of Service: A Witness to Idealism</i>	1993
Robert Coles	<i>A Robert Coles Omnibus</i>	1993
Jeffery Grossman	<i>Innovative Doctors: Solutions Lie within Us</i>	2006
Anne Hawkins	<i>Reconstructing Illness: Studies in Pathography</i>	2004*
Kathryn Hunter	<i>Doctor as Stories: The Narrative Structure of Medical Knowledge</i>	1991*
Margaret Lock & Patricia Alice Kaufert	<i>Pragmatic Women and Body Politics</i>	1998
Emily Martin	<i>Woman in the Body: A Cultural Analysis of Reproduction</i>	2001
Emily Martin	<i>Flexible Bodies: Tracking Immunity in American Culture from the Days of Polio to the Age of AIDS</i>	1994*
Sharon Moalem & Jonathoan Prince	<i>Survival of the Sickest: A Medical Maverick Discovers Why We Need Disease</i>	2007
Randolph M. Nesse & George C. Williams	<i>Why We Get Sick: The New Science of Darwinian Medicine</i>	1996
Mary Roach	<i>Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers</i>	2004
Susan Sontag	<i>Illness as a Metaphor and AIDS and its Metaphors</i>	1991
Andrew Weil	<i>Health and Healing</i>	1988

Patients

Author	Title	Year
Austin Camacho	<i>Blood and Bone</i>	2006
Anatole Broyard	<i>Intoxicated by My Illness</i>	1993
Harold Bursztajn	<i>Medical Choices, Medical Chances, How Patients, Families and Physicians Can Cope with the Uncertainty</i>	2001
Hilfiker David	<i>Not all of us are Saints</i>	2004
George Eliot	<i>Middlemarch</i>	
Anne Fadiman	<i>The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down</i>	1998
Arthur Frank	<i>At the Will of the Body: Reflections on Illness</i>	2002
Jody Heyman	<i>Equal Partners: A Physician's Call for a New Spirit of Medicine</i>	2000
Suanna Kaysen	<i>Girl, Interrupted</i>	1994
Arthur Kleinman	<i>The Illness Narratives: Suffering, Healing, and the Human Condition</i>	1989
Michael A. Lacombe (Ed.)	<i>On Being a Doctor: Voices of Physicians and Patients</i>	2007
Alan Lightman	<i>The Diagnosis</i>	2002
Audre Lorde	<i>The Cancer Journals</i>	2007
Robert McCrum	<i>My Year Off, Recovering Life After a Stroke</i>	1999
Reynolds Price	<i>A Whole New Life: an Illness and a Healing</i>	2003
Gilda Radner	<i>Its Always Been Something</i>	2000*
Rachel Naomi Remen	<i>Kitchen Table Wisdom</i>	2006
Edward Rosenbaum	<i>A Taste of My Own Medicine: When the Doctor is the Patient</i>	1988
Oliver Sacks	<i>A Leg to Stand On</i>	1998
William Stryon	<i>Darkness Visible: A Memoir of Madness</i>	1992
Abraham Verghese	<i>My Own Country: A Doctor's Story</i>	1995

Practice

Author	Title	Year
Patch Adams & M. Mylander	<i>Gesundheit</i>	1998
Patch Adams & P. Jacobs	<i>House Calls: How We Can All Heal the World One Visit at a Time</i>	1998
Lori Arviso	<i>The Scalpel and the Silver Bear: The First Navajo Woman Surgeon Combines Western Medicine and Traditional Healing</i>	2000
Janet Bickle	<i>Women in Medicine: Getting in, Growing, and Advancing</i>	2000
Ben Carson	<i>Gifted Hands, the Ben Carson Story</i>	1997*
Paul Farmer	<i>Infections and Inequalities: The Modern Plagues</i>	2001
Atul Gawande	<i>Complications: A Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science</i>	2003
Atul Gawande	<i>Better: A Surgeon's Notes on Performance</i>	2007
Lisa Gelkin	<i>First, Do No Harm</i>	1994
Lane Gerber	<i>Married to Their Careers: Career and Family Dilemmas in Doctor's Lives</i>	1983*
Marlan Gibbs, MD	<i>The Medicine of ER or How We Almost Die</i>	1996
Jerome Groopman	<i>How Doctors Think</i>	2007
David Harman & B. Asbell	<i>White Cane: The Extraordinary Odyssey of a Blind Physician</i>	1978*
David Hilfiker	<i>Healing the Wounds: A Physicians Look at His Work</i>	1985*
Peri Klass	<i>Other Women's Children</i>	1992*
Leonard Laster, MD	<i>Life After Medical School, Thirty-two Doctors Describe Hoe They Shaped Their Medical Careers</i>	1996*
Robert Marion	<i>Learning to Pay God</i>	2000
Robert Marion	<i>The Intern Blues: The Timeless Classic About the Making of a Doctor</i>	2001
John McPhee	<i>Heirs of General Practice</i>	1986
Sherwin Nuland	<i>How We Die: Reflections on a Life's Final Chapter</i>	1995

Sherwin Nuland	<i>The Wisdom of the Body</i>	1998
Sherwin Nuland	<i>Doctors: The Biography of Medicine</i>	1995
Richard Reynolds	<i>On Doctoring: Stories, Poems, Essays</i>	1995*
Howard Spiro	<i>Empathy and the Practice of Medicine: Beyond Pill and Scalpel</i>	1996
John Stone	<i>In the Country of Hearts: Journeys in the Arts of Medicine</i>	1996*
Frank Vertosick, Jr., MD	<i>When the Air Hits Your Brain: Tales of Neurosurgery</i>	1996*
David Watts	<i>Bedside Manners: One Doctor's Reflections on the Oddly Intimate Encounters Between Patient and Healer</i>	2005
W, Carlos Williams	<i>The Doctor Stories</i>	1984
Roxanne Young	<i>A Piece of My Mind: A Collection of Essays from JAMA</i>	2000
Philip Zazove	<i>When the Phone Rings, My Bed Shakes</i>	1993

Tough Decisions

Author	Title	Year
Lisa Belkin	<i>First Do No Harm</i>	1994
Joycelyn Elders, MD	<i>Joycelyn Elders, MD</i>	1999
C. G. Prado	<i>Assisted Suicide: Theory and Practice in Elective Death</i>	1999

Training

Author	Title	Year
Howard S. Becker et al.	<i>Boys in White: Student Culture in Medical School</i>	1961*
Michael Collins	<i>Hot Lights, Cold Steel: Life, Death and Sleepless Nights in a Surgeon's First Years</i>	2005
David Ewing Duncan	<i>Residents: The Perils and Promise of Educating Young Doctors</i>	1996*
Peri Klass	<i>A Not Entirely Benign Procedure</i>	1994*
Peri Klass	<i>The Literary Companion to Medicine</i>	2002
Peri Klass	<i>Baby Doctor</i>	2002*
Melvin Konner	<i>Becoming a Physician, A Journey of Initiation in Medical School</i>	1988
Thomasine Kushner	<i>Ward Ethics: Dilemmas for Medical Students and Doctors in Training</i>	2001
Charles Le Baron	<i>Gentle Vengeance</i>	1982*
Dominique Lapierre	<i>Beyond Love</i>	1994
Kenneth Ludmerer	<i>A Time to Heal</i>	2004
Robert Marion	<i>Learning to Play God: The Coming of Age of a Young Doctor</i>	1991
Robert Marion	<i>The Intern Blues: The Timeless Classic about the Making of a Doctor</i>	2001
Mike Magee (Ed.)	<i>The 50 Most Positive Doctors in America</i>	1996
Kathryn Montgomery	<i>How Doctors Think: Clinical Judgment and the Practice of Medicine</i>	2005
Mary Roach	<i>Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers</i>	2004
Ellen Lurner Rothman	<i>White Coat: Becoming a Doctor</i>	2000
Samuel Shem	<i>House of God</i>	2003
Emily Transue	<i>On Call: A Doctor's Days and Nights in Residency</i>	2005
Audrey Young	<i>What Patients Taught Me: A Medical Students Journey</i>	2004

Veterinary Medicine

Author	Title	Year
Loretta Gage	<i>If Wishes Were Horses</i>	1995
William Karesh	<i>Appointment at the Ends of the World: Memoirs of a Wildlife Veterinarian</i>	2000*

David Taylor

Zoo Vet: Adventures of a Wild Animal Doctor

1978*

In Addition:

The Atlantic Monthly

The New Yorker

The Economist

The New York Times

Scientific American

Discover

American Medical News

The New Physician

Scientific American

Journal of the American

Medical Association (JAMA)

*The New England Journal of
Medicine*

* These books are out of print. However, most of them are available in the used section of Amazon.com and online at Barnes and Noble.