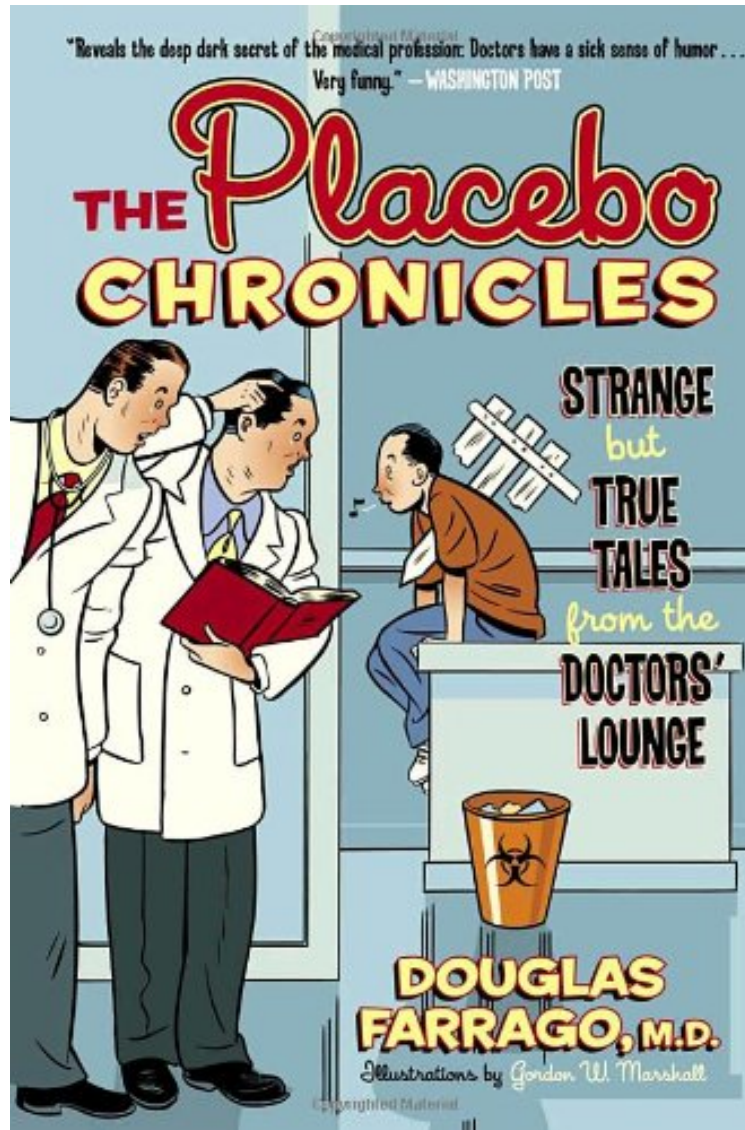


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are so funny, yet so true. Haha! I bought 2 copies, one for me and I gave one to him. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Waiting for the sequel! By Darin D. Smith Hilarious book! I agree with another reviewer; if you are horrified by the book, take a can of starch and find yourself a doctor with no sense of humor. Every profession has to deal with boneheaded people and strange situations, whether you work the drive through at McDonald's or as a research physicist. We all shake our head, grit our teeth, or laugh about them with our coworkers. These are stories from our doctors is all. As a medical professional (trauma nurse), these stories are extra funny. It's worth every penny for anyone who has ever worked in the medical field. If you are horrified with the idea that people in the hospital, even doctors, laugh about things, get over it or stay home. You can't do the job without laughing about things. If you like to laugh, and see your doctors and nurses as fellow humans with individual senses of humor, read the book, you will hurt yourself laughing so hard. The only reason I took a star away from the book is for the quality of the glue holding the pages together; I've been given 2, and the pages of both of them start coming out rather quickly. It's like the glue didn't get melted enough to get a good hold on the pages. Won't stop me from buying one for a friend, though. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very random By S. Iverson Some interesting stories. Some very boring stories. A few seem like they would only be interesting to other doctors, which is fine, as it is written by doctors. Very badly edited, which is why I called it random. The stories are just thrown together. At one point, in the middle of the book, there is what reads as an introduction to the purpose of the book. It would have been appropriate at the beginning of the book. Some of the stories just end, with no explanation or conclusion--they don't make any sense. As another reviewer stated, this doesn't work very well on a kindle. Some stories were written in very tiny writing on background pictures, which made it impossible to read. The supposed "ads" are mostly stupid and childish. It seems that this book was just thrown together hurriedly to make a buck.

True Tales of the ridiculous, the silly, and the just plain weird cases doctors face—lamponing the medical bureaucracy that makes practicing medicine and getting medical care such a headache. Doctors have a sick sense of humor. This is the deep, dark, and hilarious secret of the medical profession revealed by the irreverent Dr. Douglas Farrago in his popular satirical magazine, *Placebo Journal*—affectionately known by its thousands of fanatic readers as “Mad magazine for doctors” and called, by U.S. News.com, “raunchy, adolescent, and very funny.” Now, in *The Placebo Chronicles*, Dr. Farrago has compiled the best of the most outrageous and uproarious true stories to come out of the ERs and examination rooms of doctors all over the country. Submitted by actual physicians, these are the stories they tell each other at cocktail parties and in doctors’ lounges, trading sidesplitting and truly unusual tales of their most embarrassing medical moments, the grossest things they’ve ever seen in medicine, their favorite Munchausen patients, and much more, including “The X-Ray Files”—mind-boggling anecdotes and images of the oddest foreign objects doctors have removed from patients. Not for the faint of heart, the humor in *The Placebo Chronicles* is brutally funny—just what the doctor ordered to guard against the ill effects of an M.D.’s worst enemies: the Medical Axis of Evil, a.k.a. drug companies, HMOs, and malpractice insurers. Fully illustrated with fake advertisements—for pseudopharmaceuticals like OxyCotton Candy and Indifferex (the mediocre antidepressant)—this refreshingly honest collection invites doctors and patients alike to share the laughter, a liberal dose of the very best medicine.

From Publishers Weekly In this admittedly vulgar but entertaining compilation, family physician Farrago brings together some of the most ridiculous doctor jokes and real-life medical stories sent in by readers of his bi-weekly *Placebo Journal*. Like the journal, the book is intended as comic relief for physicians who could use a pain pill or two. The stories and anecdotes are organized by the stage that they are likely to apply in a doctor's career (during medical school, residency, etc.), but that doesn't keep the book from feeling like a jumbled assortment of annoying patient complaints (irregular bowels, etc.), jokes about pharmaceutical reps and false ads for items such as "The First ADHD Medications for Children In-Utero" and Cameloft, an antidepressant cigarette ("It's chic, it's uplifting and it's just what the doctor ordered"). But each section does include some unifying themes like "X-Ray Files," x-ray images of items stuck in unusual places, and "Those Darn Narc Seekers," stories of patients who seek prescription drugs for non-existent ailments. As Farrago points out in his introduction, the Latin definition of the word "placebo" is "to give pleasure," and those who appreciate the occasional crude joke will find a little of that here. However, this book is not recommended as waiting room reading. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. High praise for *Placebo Journal*: “Placebo Journal is juvenile. It's immature. It's politically incorrect. It's also very funny.”—Washington Post “Raunchy, adolescent, and very funny.”—U.S. News and World Report From the Inside Flap Doctors have a sick sense of humor. This is the deep, dark, and hilarious secret of the medical profession, a secret revealed by the irreverent Dr. Doug Farrago in his popular satirical magazine, *Placebo Journal*—affectionately known by its thousands of fanatic readers as “Mad magazine for doctors.” Now, in *The Placebo Chronicles*, Dr. Farrago has compiled the best of the most outrageous and scathingly funny true stories to come out of the ERs and examination rooms of doctors all over the country. Sent in by real physicians, these are the stories they tell each other at cocktail parties and in the doctors' lounge, trading sidesplitting and truly unusual tales of their most embarrassing medical moments, the grossest things they've ever seen in medicine, their favorite

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