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Edward Ziegler : Emergency Doctor before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Emergency Doctor:

8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Good, But Outdated By BME Graphic and well-written, this book held my interest--most of the time. The different stories are extremely interesting, and at times, completely horrific. The maggots and lice had me swallowing bile. A wonderful look into what doctors and nurses REALLY deal with. I only have two complaints about the book. One is that it really slowed down when we weren't in the E.R. I skimmed over a lot of the doctors' personal and office life. My other complaint is that the book is outdated. Obviously, this can't

be helped, but it was still annoying. In the 13 years since this book was written, so many medical advances have been made in different areas like AIDS and drug overdoses. If you don't care about all this, then the book will probably be a good read for you. I'm sure that the medical problems doctors see have remained the same, it's just that the treatments have changed. You'll still get a good idea about the horrors that show up at the emergency departments. 8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. An idealistic perspective By Isabelle A very enjoyable, quick read. What struck me the most about this book was the differences in perspective since the time of its writing (1987)--it mentions patients that complain about doctors wearing gloves when that is now standard, and expected, procedure. It describes the infancy of managed care and all its depersonalization of those it's supposed to protect and care for. And most of all, it describes doctors, nurses, and other hospital staff who always put the patient first, who see their jobs as noble and go about it completely humble and without ego. Perhaps exposure to such tv shows as ER and Chicago Hope in more recent years have given laymen a more cold/cynical view of things, but some times the professionals in this book seem almost too good to be true. On the other hand, the emergencies described are fascinating and compelling. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. So So. By Braden Smith I got about 100 pages in and just didn't want to read anymore. Its not very well written and isn't really that entertaining. There are many other medical novels/biographies that are much more enjoyable to read.

Hundreds of people slam through its doors every day: gun-shot cops, battered kids, drug addicts, and suicides, destitute drunks, homeless people, AIDS sufferers, and accident victims. It's a bizarre parade of humanity looking for help -- in the one place they know they can find it. Welcome to the frontline trenches of medicine: the emergency room of the legendary Bellevue Hospital. Here, an army of doctors and nurses faces the onslaught of young and old, rich and ragged, sick and dying. All day, all night. All year. This is their story -- an around-the-clock drama of the unexpected: a crane falling on a hapless pedestrian; a crazed executive wearing two-thirds of a three-piece suit; a pretty paralegal aide struggling with an on-the-job cocaine overdose; a trauma victim of an East River helicopter crash clinging to life. It's terrifying, tragic, triumphant ... and true.

From Publishers Weekly The emergency rooms at Manhattan's Bellevue Hospital the country's oldest municipal hospital, founded 250 years ago treat some 300 patients daily; three-fourths of the cases involve alcohol or drug abuse and a disproportionate number of the patients are paupers. It is a matter of pride for Goldfrank, director of the service, that no one is turned away, even as the department's resources are strained with indigent patients "dumped" from private clinics. With Reader's Digest editor Ziegler, Goldfrank and other Bellevue medical and housekeeping personnel recreate the somber, heroic, taxing work-a-day demands of saving lives under emergency conditions, including the lives of "regulars" like Eighth Street Eddie who needs to be deloused as well as treated and prisoners handcuffed to guards. The book is at once a social and medical document, overlong and, on occasion, tediously repetitious but gut-wrenching, heartwarming and instructive about the exigencies of this branch of medicine as practiced at the legendary institution. 25,000 first printing; \$25,000 ad/promo; author tour. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal New York City's Bellevue Hospital is one of a dwindling number of American hospitals which care for everyone who comes to them, regardless of the patient's ability to pay. On Bellevue's front line is its highly acclaimed Emergency Department, directed by Dr. Lewis Goldfrank. This chilling account of the daily activity here is less a biography of Goldfrank than a paean to the staff of the Emergency Department, and an indictment of the American health care system. Accounts of some of the cases Goldfrank's team has treated are interspersed with the frightening facts about AIDS, cocaine abuse, and the plight of the poor in modern American cities. Fascinating and profoundly disturbing, this belongs in most public libraries. Susan B. Hagloch, Tuscarawas Cty. P.L., New Philadelphia, Ohio Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. From the Inside Flap "GRIPPING."--Booklist A crane falls on a hapless mother of two, almost crushing her to death . . . A trauma victim of a helicopter crash desperately clings to life . . . A paralegal aide suffers a violent seizure from a cocaine overdose and gasps for breath . . . Welcome to the ER at Bellevue Hospital, the frontline trenches of medicine where doctors fight around-the-clock to save lives at a frenetic pace of quick decisions and real life-and-death drama. Some three hundred people slam through these hospital doors every day. Gunshot cops, battered kids, drug addicts, and suicides. Destitute drunks, bag ladies, AIDS sufferers, and accident victims. It's a bizarre parade of humanity looking for help in the one place they know they can find it: the ER. "Gut-wrenching, heartwarming, and instructive about the exigencies of this branch of medicine as practiced at this legendary institution."--Publishers Weekly