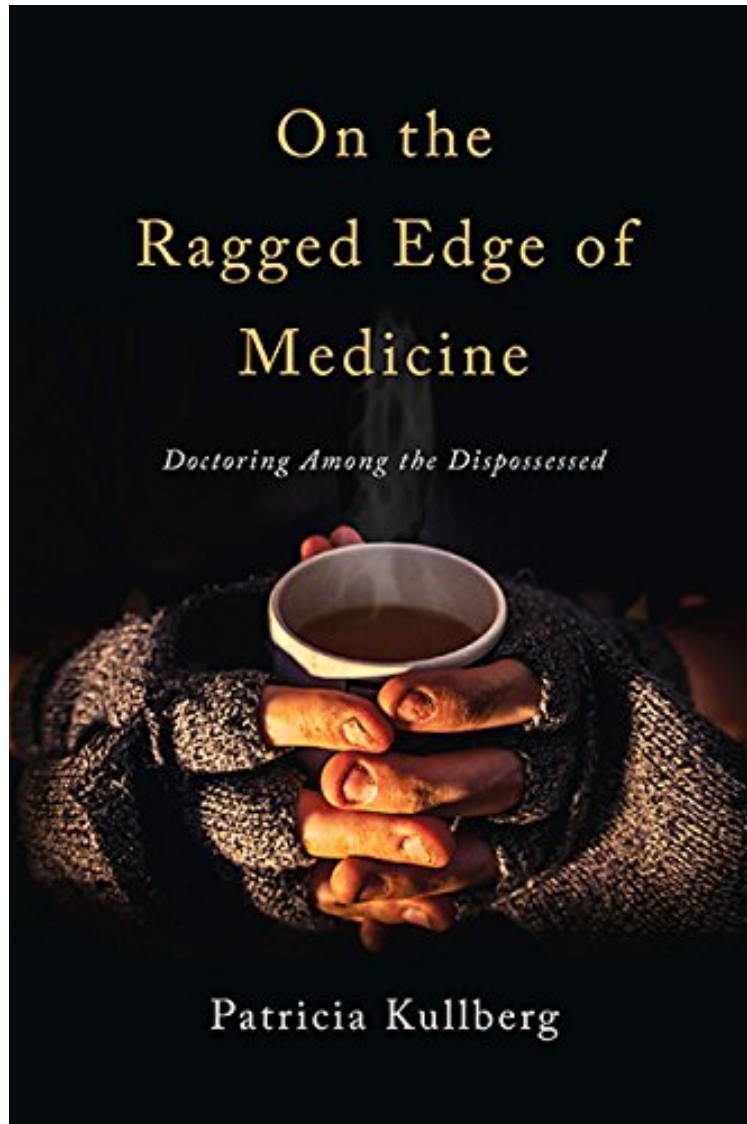


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**Patricia Kullberg : On the Ragged Edge of Medicine: Doctoring Among the Dispossessed** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised On the Ragged Edge of Medicine: Doctoring Among the Dispossessed:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A very real slice of urban America.By Jim F.A wonderful slice of

gritty life in my hometown. Heart wrenching but a very well formatted read about the under the common radar inhabitants of the present American urban scene. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A Doc Who Cares By Linda Slade I hesitated to read this book since it contained stories of the physician author's work with the poor and homeless in Old Town. However, the true stories of her patients are riveting, heart-wrenching but also sympathetic, and full of wry humor. It's a rare and fascinating peak into the exam room, from the medical provider's point of view. What struck me was how much this doctor really cared- and in turn, I came away caring too. Her professional and personal reflections are frank and honest, and her detailed narrative essential reading for all of us, as we are doing battle now to reform health care. Most of all, the characters, her patients are unforgettable. Engrossing read! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Engaging, Compelling Street-Wise By Michael J Helquist "On the Ragged Edge of Medicine," is a powerful collection of reflections and stories about "Doctoring among the Dispossessed." More engaging than you might think, it is personal and compassionate while realistic and street-wise. If you're inclined to turn your thoughts anywhere else when you encounter homelessness or untreated illness and psychic distress "on the streets," you'll be drawn into these first-hand accounts that recognize the humanity of the dispossessed and their resilience as well as their troubles. Especially intriguing is author Patricia Kullberg's openness about her own struggles being a medical provider operating in a patched-together health care system for clients whose lives are often in disarray. She shares her failures, her regrets, and personal doubts in a way that keeps the stories real. Thanks to the author and to the publisher Oregon State University Press for this contribution. Michael Helquist, "Marie Equi: Radical Politics and Outlaw Passions".

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