

Are Americans Overmedicated

Greene's history sheds light on the controversies shadowing the success of generics: problems with the generalizability of medical knowledge, the fragile role of science in public policy, and the increasing role of industry, marketing, and consumer logics in late-twentieth-century and early twenty-first century health care.

In the last thirty years, the big pharmaceutical companies have transformed themselves into marketing machines selling dangerous medicines as if they were Coca-Cola or Cadillacs. They pitch drugs with video games and soft cuddly toys for children; promote them in churches and subways, at NASCAR races and state fairs. They've become experts at promoting fear of disease, just so they can sell us hope. No question: drugs can save lives. But the relentless marketing that has enriched corporate executives and sent stock prices soaring has come with a dark side. Prescription pills taken as directed by physicians are estimated to kill one American every five minutes. And that figure doesn't reflect the damage done as the overmedicated take to the roads. Our Daily Meds connects the dots for the first time to show how corporate salesmanship has triumphed over science inside the biggest pharmaceutical companies and, in turn, how this promotion driven industry has taken over the practice of medicine and is changing American life. It is an ageless story of the battle between good and evil, with potentially life-changing consequences for everyone, not just the 65 percent of Americans who unscrew a prescription cap every day. An industry with the promise to help so many is now leaving a legacy of needless harm.

The American Epidemic: Solutions for Over Medicating Our Youth provides new knowledge for parents, educators, all healthcare professionals, and public health policymakers to determine the cause of behavioral symptoms prior to psychoactive drug therapy in children. The Action Plan for Childhood Behavioral Conditions is a step-by-step solution to rule out nutritional, physiological, and environmental risk factors. The US Government Accountability Office (GAO) Child Foster Care drug audit report uncovered widespread abuses of overmedicating our children with ADHD stimulant and multiple psychoactive medications. The GAO report proves that the assessment and treatment of young children with behavioral symptoms requires immediate reform. The Action Plan for Childhood Behavioral Conditions will help you: - Understand the critical role parents play in child behavioral health- Unite parents, educators, and healthcare professionals to determine the cause of behavioral symptoms- Learn how to help your child develop a focused and healthy mind- Eliminate nutritional, physiological, and environmental risk factors that mimic childhood behavioral symptoms

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An exploration of drug counterfeiting activities in America traces a drug theft investigation in Florida with ties to a national network of drug polluters and the government, exposing how political interests may be compromising the integrity of the nation's medical distribution system. Reprint. 30,000 first printing.

Our health care is staggeringly expensive, yet one in six Americans has no health insurance. We have some of the most skilled physicians in the world, yet one hundred thousand patients die each year from medical errors. In this gripping, eye-opening book, award-winning journalist Shannon Brownlee takes readers inside the hospital to dismantle some of our most venerated myths about American medicine. Brownlee dissects what she calls "the medical-industrial complex" and lays bare the backward economic incentives embedded in our system, revealing a stunning portrait of the care we now receive. Nevertheless, Overtreated ultimately conveys a message of hope by reframing the debate over health care reform. It offers a way to control costs and cover the uninsured, while simultaneously improving the quality of American medicine. Shannon Brownlee's humane, intelligent, and penetrating analysis empowers readers to avoid the perils of overtreatment, as well as pointing the way to better health care

for everyone.

In this explosive new book, Dennis Miller pulls the curtain wide open and exposes many previously hidden facts that are downright terrifying about pharmacy, drugs, pharmacists and chain drug stores. This is the first-ever in-depth expose" of pharmacy written by a pharmacist. The author takes readers behind the prescription counter and reveals a wide range of critical insights that are not available anywhere else. This is an extremely important and urgently needed book for both pharmacists and the general public. It can--and should--permanently change the world of pills. It is a long overdue expose" of the lies, hype, deceptions, distortions, and magical thinking that are so pervasive in this field. Kindle Direct Publishing (KDP) sets a minimum price for paperback books using this publishing platform. The minimum price that KDP allows for this 430-page paperback book is \$10.02. The author receives no royalties for the paperback version of this book. It is the author's hope that price is not a limiting factor in the decision to read this book. The author is not interested in profiting financially from this book. The author hopes that this book prompts a widespread discussion of the critical issues regarding pharmacists, pharmaceuticals, pharmacy and, indeed, the viability of the profession. The author is not aware of any other book on the market that exposes the shocking truth from the perspective of a pharmacist. This book includes dozens of e-mails the author received from pharmacists as a result of his commentaries for nearly two decades in Drug Topics, one of the most popular magazines for pharmacists. These pharmacists" e-mails reveal a very disturbing side of pharmacy about which the public is almost certainly unaware. With pharmaceuticals playing such a pivotal role in American society, the public urgently needs to understand how pharmacists have been complicit in legitimizing and promoting pill solutions for every conceivable health or medical problem. Pharmacy customers often say things like this to pharmacists: "I'm not sure whether I really want to take this drug my doctor prescribed. What do you think? Do you think it's safe?" Pharmacy customers need to understand pharmacists" attitudes and biases to fully appreciate the very wide variety of responses. Some of the issues discussed in this book include: What do pharmacists really think about the drugs they dispense? Have pharmacists swallowed Big Pharma"s Kool-Aid? Why are so many pharmacists disillusioned? Why pharmacy often resembles a religion or cult. Should pharmacists be more transparent about the risks versus benefits of pills? Are pharmacists as positive and supportive of drugs in conversations with close friends and family in comparison to discussions with customers? Do pharmacists take more (or fewer) pills than our customers? Do pharmacists feel that Americans are overmedicated (or grossly overmedicated)? Do pharmacists feel pressure from chain drug store corporate management to be basically positive and supportive toward drugs and to downplay adverse effects? Do pharmacists agree with Pharma"s overwhelmingly mechanistic and reductionist approach toward illness? What causes many pharmacists to wake up in the middle of the night in a cold sweat? Do pharmacists feel that pharmacy school focuses too heavily on molecules, cells and chemistry rather than on the health of the whole person? Why are pharmacists silent about the uneven quality with some generic drugs? Do pharmacists feel that many of our customers would be healthier spending their money at a farmers market rather than at a drug store? Are pharmacists nagged by the concern that they are supporting and legitimizing a model of health based disproportionately on pills rather than prevention?

IN THIS STIRRING AND BEAUTIFULLY WRITTEN WAKE-UP CALL, psychiatrist Daniel Carlat exposes deeply disturbing problems plaguing his profession, revealing the ways it has abandoned its essential purpose: to understand the mind, so that psychiatrists can heal mental illness and not just treat symptoms. As he did in his hard-hitting and widely read New York Times Magazine article "Dr. Drug Rep," and as he continues to do in his popular watchdog newsletter, The Carlat Psychiatry Report, he writes with bracing honesty about how psychiatry has so largely forsaken the practice of talk therapy for the seductive—and more

lucrative—practice of simply prescribing drugs, with a host of deeply troubling consequences. Psychiatrists have settled for treating symptoms rather than causes, embracing the apparent medical rigor of DSM diagnoses and prescription in place of learning the more challenging craft of therapeutic counseling, gaining only limited understanding of their patients' lives. Talk therapy takes time, whereas the fifteen-minute "med check" allows for more patients and more insurance company reimbursement. Yet DSM diagnoses, he shows, are premised on a good deal less science than we would think. Writing from an insider's perspective, with refreshing forthrightness about his own daily struggles as a practitioner, Dr. Carlat shares a wealth of stories from his own practice and those of others that demonstrate the glaring shortcomings of the standard fifteen-minute patient visit. He also reveals the dangers of rampant diagnoses of bipolar disorder, ADHD, and other "popular" psychiatric disorders, and exposes the risks of the cocktails of medications so many patients are put on. Especially disturbing are the terrible consequences of overprescription of drugs to children of ever younger ages. Taking us on a tour of the world of pharmaceutical marketing, he also reveals the inner workings of collusion between psychiatrists and drug companies. Concluding with a road map for exactly how the profession should be reformed, *Unhinged* is vital reading for all those in treatment or considering it, as well as a stirring call to action for the large community of psychiatrists themselves. As physicians and drug companies continue to work together in disquieting and harmful ways, and as diagnoses—and misdiagnoses—of mental disorders skyrocket, it's essential that Dr. Carlat's bold call for reform is heeded.

With Americans paying more than \$200 billion each year for prescription pills, the pharmaceutical business is the most profitable in the nation. The popularity of prescription drugs in recent decades has remade the doctor/patient relationship, instituting prescription-writing and pill-taking as an integral part of medical practice and everyday life. *Medicating Modern America* examines the meanings behind this pharmaceutical revolution through the interconnected histories of eight of the most influential and important drugs: antibiotics, mood stabilizers, hormone replacement therapy, oral contraceptives, tranquilizers, stimulants, statins, and Viagra. All of these drugs have been popular, profitable, influential, and controversial, and the authors take a historical approach to studying their development, prescription, and consumption. This perspective locates the histories of prescription medicines in specific cultural contexts while revealing the extent to which contemporary debates about pharmaceutical drugs echo concerns voiced by Americans in the past. Exploring the rich and multi-faceted history of pharmaceutical drugs in the United States, *Medicating Modern America* unveils the untold stories behind America's pharmaceutical obsession. Contributors include: Robert Bud, Jennifer R. Fishman, Jeremy A. Greene, David Healy, Suzanne White Junod, Ilna Singh, Andrea Tone, and Elizabeth Siegel Watkins.

Experienced family doctor Ray Strand writes his patients prescriptions every week, but he also believes that prescribing drugs should be a last resort in most medical cases—not a first choice. In *Death by Prescription* he provides simple guidelines to help readers protect themselves and their families from suffering adverse reactions to prescription medication.

Essays debate the issue of whether Americans of different age and social classes are over- or undermedicated.

Using the examples of Vioxx, Celebrex, cholesterol-lowering statin drugs, and anti-depressants, *Overdosed America* shows that at the heart of the current crisis in American medicine lies the commercialization of medical knowledge itself. Drawing on his background in statistics, epidemiology, and health policy, John Abramson, M.D., reveals the ways in which the drug companies have misrepresented statistical evidence, misled doctors, and compromised our health. The good news is that the best scientific evidence shows that reclaiming responsibility for your own health is often far more effective than taking the latest blockbuster drug. You—and your doctor—will be stunned by this unflinching exposé of American

medicine.

Mind Fixers tells the history of psychiatry's quest to understand the biological basis of mental illness and asks where we need to go from here. In Mind Fixers, Anne Harrington, author of *The Cure Within*, explores psychiatry's repeatedly frustrated struggle to understand mental disorder in biomedical terms. She shows how the stalling of early twentieth century efforts in this direction allowed Freudians and social scientists to insist, with some justification, that they had better ways of analyzing and fixing minds. But when the Freudians overreached, they drove psychiatry into a state of crisis that a new "biological revolution" was meant to alleviate. Harrington shows how little that biological revolution had to do with breakthroughs in science, and why the field has fallen into a state of crisis in our own time. Mind Fixers makes clear that psychiatry's waxing and waning biological enthusiasms have been shaped not just by developments in the clinic and lab, but also by a surprising range of social factors, including immigration, warfare, grassroots activism, and assumptions about race and gender.

Government programs designed to empty the state mental hospitals, acrid rivalries between different factions in the field, industry profit mongering, consumerism, and an uncritical media have all contributed to the story as well. In focusing particularly on the search for the biological roots of schizophrenia, depression, and bipolar disorder, Harrington underscores the high human stakes for the millions of people who have sought medical answers for their mental suffering. This is not just a story about doctors and scientists, but about countless ordinary people and their loved ones. A clear-eyed, evenhanded, and yet passionate tour de force, Mind Fixers recounts the past and present struggle to make mental illness a biological problem in order to lay the groundwork for creating a better future, both for those who suffer and for those whose job it is to care for them.

The groundbreaking account of the widespread misdiagnosis of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder—and how its unchecked growth has made ADHD one of the most controversial conditions in medicine, with serious effects on children, adults, and society. "ADHD Nation should be required reading" (*The New York Times Book Review*). More than one in seven American children are diagnosed with ADHD—three times what experts have said is appropriate—meaning that millions of kids are misdiagnosed and taking medications such as Adderall or Concerta for a psychiatric condition they probably do not have. The numbers rise every year. And still, many experts and drug companies deny any cause for concern. In fact, they say that adults and the rest of the world should embrace ADHD and that its medications will transform their lives. "In this powerful, necessary book, Alan Schwarz exposes the dirty secrets of the growing ADHD epidemic" (*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review), including how the father of ADHD, Dr. Keith Conners, spent fifty years advocating drugs like Ritalin before realizing his role in what he now calls "a national disaster of dangerous proportions"; a troubled young girl and a studious teenage boy get entangled in the growing ADHD machine and take medications that backfire horribly; and big Pharma egregiously over-promotes the disorder and earns billions from the mishandling of children (and now adults). While demonstrating that ADHD is real and can be medicated when appropriate, Schwarz sounds a long-overdue alarm and urges America to address this growing national health crisis. "ADHD Nation is a necessary book. Schwarz has done a fine job on a maddening topic, and everyone who's interested in hyperactivity, attention spans, stimulants, and the current state of American health care should grab a copy" (*New York magazine*).

With a barrage of "ask your doctor about" advertisements competing for attention with shocking news of drug company malfeasance, *Happy Pills* is an invaluable look at how the commercialization of medicine has transformed American culture since the end of World War II.

This book provides a comprehensive examination of the ways that health policy has been shaped by the political, socioeconomic, and ideological environment of the United States. The

roles played by public and private, institutional and individual actors in designing the healthcare system are identified at all levels. The book addresses the key problems of healthcare cost, access, and quality through analyses of Medicare, Medicaid, the Veterans Health Administration, and other programs, and the ethical and cost implications of advances in healthcare technology. This fully updated fourth edition gives expanded attention to the fiscal and financial impact of high healthcare costs and the struggle for healthcare reform, culminating in the passage of the Affordable Care Act, with preliminary discussion of implementation issues associated with the Affordable Care Act as well as attempts to defund and repeal it. Each chapter concludes with discussion questions and a comprehensive reference list. Helpful appendices provide a guide to websites and a chronology. PowerPoint slides and other instructional materials are available to instructors who adopt the book. Francis pops the lid off the healthcare industry, and explains why the conventional approaches to health and disease aren't working-- and why healthcare costs are threatening to bankrupt our economy. He shows you that health is a choice-- and you have the power to improve your personal health.

"Wonderful... Physicians would do well to learn this most important lesson about caring for patients." —The New York Times Book Review Over the years that Victoria Sweet has been a physician, "healthcare" has replaced medicine, "providers" look at their laptops more than at their patients, and costs keep soaring, all in the ruthless pursuit of efficiency. Yet the remedy that economists and policy makers continue to miss is also miraculously simple. Good medicine takes more than amazing technology; it takes time—time to respond to bodies as well as data, time to arrive at the right diagnosis and the right treatment. Sweet knows this because she has learned and lived it over the course of her remarkable career. Here she relates unforgettable stories of the teachers, doctors, nurses, and patients through whom she discovered the practice of Slow Medicine, in which she has been both pioneer and inspiration. Medicine, she helps us to see, is a craft and an art as well as a science. It is relational, personal, even spiritual. To do it well requires a hard-won wisdom that no algorithm can replace—that brings together "fast" and "slow" in a truly effective, efficient, sustainable, and humane way of healing.

Updated with bonus material, including a new foreword and afterword with new research, this New York Times bestseller is essential reading for a time when mental health is constantly in the news. In this astonishing and startling book, award-winning science and history writer Robert Whitaker investigates a medical mystery: Why has the number of disabled mentally ill in the United States tripled over the past two decades? Interwoven with Whitaker's groundbreaking analysis of the merits of psychiatric medications are the personal stories of children and adults swept up in this epidemic. As *Anatomy of an Epidemic* reveals, other societies have begun to alter their use of psychiatric medications and are now reporting much improved outcomes . . . so why can't such change happen here in the United States? Why have the results from these long-term studies—all of which point to the same startling conclusion—been kept from the public? Our nation has been hit by an epidemic of disabling mental illness, and yet, as *Anatomy of an Epidemic* reveals, the medical blueprints for curbing that epidemic have already been drawn up. Praise for *Anatomy of an Epidemic* "The timing of Robert Whitaker's *Anatomy of an Epidemic*, a comprehensive and highly readable history of psychiatry in the United States, couldn't be better."—Salon "Anatomy of an Epidemic offers some answers, charting controversial ground with mystery-novel pacing."—TIME "Lucid, pointed and important, *Anatomy of an Epidemic* should be required reading for anyone considering extended use of psychiatric medicine. Whitaker is at the height of his powers." —Greg Critser, author of *Generation Rx*

In her provocative new book, New York Times-bestselling author Judith Warner explores the storm of debate over whether we are overdiagnosing and overmedicating our children who

have "issues." In *Perfect Madness: Motherhood in the Age of Anxiety*, Judith Warner explained what's gone wrong with the culture of parenting, and her conclusions sparked a national debate on how women and society view motherhood. Her new book, *We've Got Issues: Children and Parents in the Age of Medication*, will generate the same kind of controversy, as she tackles a subject that's just as contentious and important: Are parents and physicians too quick to prescribe medication to control our children's behavior? Are we using drugs to excuse inept parents who can't raise their children properly? What Warner discovered from the extensive research and interviewing she did for this book is that passion on both sides of the issue "is ideological and only tangentially about real children," and she cuts through the jargon and hysteria to delve into a topic that for millions of parents involves one of the most important decisions they'll ever make for their child. Insightful, compelling, and deeply moving, *We've Got Issues* is for parents, doctors, and teachers-anyone who cares about the welfare of today's children.

With health reform enacted by the Congress and signed by the President, the subject matter of *The Treatment Trap* is a compelling component in the national debate. Taking advantage of Rosemary Gibson's knowledge gleaned from extended experience in the field of medical care and Janardan Singh's similar knowledge but from a financial perspective, the authors explore the most neglected issue in American medicine today: the overuse of medical care, including needless surgery and other invasive procedures, out-of-control x-ray imaging, profligate testing, and other wasteful practices that have become routine among too many American doctors. Their combined reporting and analysis concentrates on the human aspects of this disturbing trend in health care, with personal experiences that reflect poorly on hospitals as well as physicians. They show how money spent for questionable and even useless care is diverting major funds that could be better used to treat patients who are genuinely sick and sometimes cannot afford the extravagant charges of the American health-care system. Their suggestions for reforming the delivery of health care, and their cautions to individual consumers about how to deal with situations they may encounter, make *The Treatment Trap* essential reading for medical care consumers, health-care professionals, and policymakers alike.

Demonstrates that important new drugs are the results of innovative work done at taxpayer-funded universities and at the National Institutes of Health, rather than by pharmaceutical firms who reap the profit and drive up the cost of prescription drugs.

Based on interviews with scientists and corporate executives in the nation's most powerful pharmaceutical companies, this probing look at the state of the nation's health in the midst of a pharmaceutical revolution concludes that America's love affair with drugs is radically transforming the nation, beginning with the youngest generation. Reprint.

The Drug Wars in America, 1940-1973 argues that the U.S. government has clung to its militant drug war, despite its obvious failures, because effective control of illicit traffic and consumption were never the critical factors motivating its adoption in the first place. Instead, Kathleen J. Frydl shows that the shift from regulating illicit drugs through taxes and tariffs to criminalizing the drug trade developed from, and was marked by, other dilemmas of governance in an age of vastly expanding state power. Most believe the "drug war" was inaugurated by President Richard Nixon's declaration of a war on drugs in 1971, but in fact his announcement heralded changes that had taken place in the two decades prior. Frydl examines this critical interval of time between regulation and prohibition, demonstrating that the war on drugs advanced certain state agendas, such as policing inner cities or exercising power abroad. Although this refashioned approach mechanically solved some vexing problems of state power, it endowed the country with a cumbersome and costly "war" that drains resources and degrades important aspects of the American legal and political tradition.

Argues that the decline in reading by children in the United States is furthered by schools by

focusing on test-taking and focusing solely on academic texts with guidance for educators on how to counteract this trend.

The book ends with the 2003 OxyContin arrest of conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh, a cautionary tale about deregulation and the widening gaps between the overmedicated and the undertreated.

Margaret Cruikshank's *Learning to Be Old* examines what it means to grow old in America today. The book questions social myths and fears about aging, sickness, and the other social roles of the elderly, the over-medicalization of many older people, and ageism. In this book, Cruikshank proposes alternatives to the ways aging is usually understood in both popular culture and mainstream gerontology. *Learning to Be Old* does not propose the ideas of successful aging or productive aging, but more the idea of learning how to age. Featuring new research and analysis, the third edition of *Learning to be Old* demonstrates, more thoroughly than the previous editions, that aging is socially constructed. Among texts on aging the book is unique in its clear focus on the differences in aging for women and men, as well as for people in different socioeconomic groups. Cruikshank is able to put aging in a broad context that not only focuses on how aging affects women but men, as well. Key updates in the third edition include changes in the health care system, changes in how long older Americans are working especially given the impact of the recession, and new material on the brain and mind-body interconnections. Cruikshank impressively challenges conventional ideas about aging in this third edition of *Learning to be Old*. This will be a must-read for everyone interested in new ideas surrounding aging in America today. "

Medicines unquestionably save lives and improve health and the quality of life. On rare occasions, they also harm and kill those who take them. Lab scientists around the world experiment with new medications to combat illnesses and to relieve pain and stress.

Sometimes, even when they are used properly, the medicines' effects are not entirely good. Drugs approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration regularly are found to produce unforeseen and dangerous, sometimes deadly, side effects--after years of prescribed use, in some cases. That is why extensive testing is required before a new medication becomes available to the general public. Yet many consumers do not understand why the FDA seems to drag its feet in approving new medications that offer terminally ill patients hope for a cure. In this engrossing book, readers learn about the disagreement over the process of developing and distributing medicines. They understand the distrust toward drug makers, government regulators, and distributors, and examine the questions of timing and costs. But what about those cases in which the side effects of a dangerous drug have not come to light until many years after the drug was approved for marketing? How many years should scientists, drug companies, FDA officials, and doctors wait before the testing ends and they can introduce a new medicine, concluding that it is safe to use?

Today, our global village is filled with strife, caused primarily by extremists of every kind, all unwilling to compromise. But there is a better way—a middle way—where we might discover common ground for peace, both personally and universally. Lou Marinoff, professor of philosophy and author of *Plato, not Prozac*, reveals the ABCs of finding that spiritually rich path: Aristotle, Buddha, and Confucius. Each of these wise men knew that extremism destroys happiness, health and harmony, and shared the supremely important notion that the main purpose of our existence is to lead a good life, here and now. In three sections, Marinoff examines the contemporary world and shows how the "Middle Way" provides solutions to our most pressing problems. Part One looks at civilizational dynamics that drive both cooperation and conflict across borders, and introduces each of the ABCs. The second segment focuses on some notorious extremes—including political polarization, and simmering religious, tribal, gender, cultural, and economic divides—and how the ABCs can reconcile them. And the third, final section enlightens us on how we all can apply the ABCs to the betterment of our own lives

and humanity as a whole. A short list of recommended readings accompanies each chapter, along with illustrations, maps, and eye-opening charts.

Too many Americans are taking too many drugs -- and it's costing us our health, happiness, and lives. Prescription drug use in America has increased tenfold in the past 50 years, and over-the-counter drug use has risen just as dramatically. In addition to the dozens of medications we take to treat serious illnesses, we take drugs to help us sleep, to keep us awake, to keep our noses from running, our backs from aching, and our minds from racing. Name a symptom, there's a pill to suppress it. Modern drugs can be miraculously life-saving, and many illnesses demand their use. But what happens when our reliance on powerful pharmaceuticals blinds us to their risks? Painful side effects and dependency are common, and adverse drug reactions are America's fourth leading cause of death. In *Mind over Meds*, bestselling author Dr. Andrew Weil alerts readers to the problem of overmedication, and outlines when medicine is necessary, and when it is not. Dr. Weil examines how we came to be so drastically overmedicated, presents science that proves drugs aren't always the best option, and provides reliable integrative medicine approaches to treating common ailments like high blood pressure, allergies, depression, and even the common cold. With case histories, healthy alternative treatments, and input from other leading physicians, *Mind over Meds* is the go-to resource for anyone who is sick and tired of being sick and tired.

Most of the 75 million Americans who have high blood pressure need medication to control it, but many are prescribed medication that is wrong for them. Dr. Mann reveals how readers, with the oversight of their physician, can get off the wrong medications and onto the right ones to achieve a healthy blood pressure without side effects.

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American doctors dispense approximately 230 million antidepressant prescriptions every year, more than any other class of medication. Charles Barber explores this disturbing phenomenon, examining the ways in which pharmaceutical companies first create the need for a drug and then rush to fill it. Most importantly, he convincingly argues that, without an industry to promote them, non-pharmaceutical approaches are tragically overlooked in favor of an instant cure for all emotional difficulties. Compulsively readable and urgently relevant, *Comfortably Numb* is an unprecedented account of the impact of psychiatric medications on American culture and on Americans themselves.

Includes recipes from Chef Del Sroufe, author of the bestselling *Forks Over Knives—The Cookbook and Better Than Vegan* Nearly half of Americans take at least one prescription medicine, with almost a quarter taking three or more, as diseases such as diabetes, obesity, and dementia grow more prevalent than ever. The problem with medicating common ailments,

such as high blood pressure or elevated cholesterol, is that drugs treat symptoms—and may even improve test results—without addressing the cause: diet. Overmedicated, overfed, and malnourished, most Americans fail to realize the answer to lower disease rates doesn't lie in more pills but in the foods we eat. With so much misleading nutritional information regarded as common knowledge, from “everything in moderation” to “avoid carbs,” the average American is ill-equipped to recognize the deadly force of abundant, cheap, unhealthy food options that not only offer no nutritional benefits but actually bring on disease. In *Food Over Medicine*, Pamela A. Popper, PhD, ND, and Glen Merzer invite the reader into a conversation about the dire state of American health—the result of poor nutrition choices stemming from food politics and medical misinformation. But, more important, they share the key to getting and staying healthy for life. Backed by numerous scientific studies, *Food Over Medicine* details how dietary choices either build health or destroy it. *Food Over Medicine* reveals the power and practice of optimal nutrition in an accessible way.

Americans are being overmedicated -- with millions of avoidable side effects as a result. Drug reactions in hospitals are among the nation's leading causes of death, killing more than 100,000 Americans every year. The side-effect epidemic causes many people to discontinue treatment. The problem stems not only from poor research by drug co. but also from a deliberate effort to create easy, one size fits all dosages that appeal to doctors & produce artificially inflated effectiveness statistics. Shows consumers how to monitor & control their own drug intake, by offering practical info. about the potential dangers & safe uses of the nation's best-selling drugs. Arms readers with the tools they need to make educated decisions about their own health care.

Health policy in the United States has been shaped by the political, socioeconomic, and ideological environment, with important roles played by public and private actors, as well as institutional and individual entities, in designing the contemporary American healthcare system. Now in a fully updated fifth edition, this book gives expanded attention to pressing issues for our policymakers including the aging American population, physician shortages, gene therapy, specialty drugs, and the opioid crisis. A new chapter has been added on the Trump administration's failed attempts at repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act and subsequent attempts at undermining it via executive orders. . Authors Patel and Rushefsky address the key problems of healthcare cost, access, and quality through analyses of Medicare, Medicaid, the Veterans Health Administration, and other programs, and the ethical and cost implications of advances in healthcare technology. Each chapter concludes with discussion questions and a comprehensive reference list. This textbook will be required reading for courses on health and healthcare policy, as well as all those interested in the ways in which American healthcare has evolved over time.

Greenhaven Press's At Issue series provides a wide range of opinions on individual social issues. Each volume focuses on a specific issue and offers a variety of perspectives---eyewitness accounts, governmental views, scientific analysis, newspaper and magazine accounts, and many more---to illuminate the issue. Extensive bibliographies and annotated lists of relevant organizations point to sources for further research. Enhancing critical thinking skills, each At Issue volume is an excellent research tool to help readers understand current social issues and prepare reports.

New York Times bestseller Business Book of the Year--Association of Business Journalists
From the New York Times bestselling author comes an eye-opening, urgent look at America's broken health care system--and the people who are saving it--now with a new Afterword by the author. "A must-read for every American." --Steve Forbes, editor-in-chief, FORBES
One in five Americans now has medical debt in collections and rising health care costs today threaten every small business in America. Dr. Makary, one of the nation's leading health care experts, travels across America and details why health care has become a bubble. Drawing from on-the-

ground stories, his research, and his own experience, *The Price We Pay* paints a vivid picture of the business of medicine and its elusive money games in need of a serious shake-up. Dr. Makary shows how so much of health care spending goes to things that have nothing to do with health and what you can do about it. Dr. Makary challenges the medical establishment to remember medicine's noble heritage of caring for people when they are vulnerable. *The Price We Pay* offers a road map for everyday Americans and business leaders to get a better deal on their health care, and profiles the disruptors who are innovating medical care. The movement to restore medicine to its mission, Makary argues, is alive and well--a mission that can rebuild the public trust and save our country from the crushing cost of health care.

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