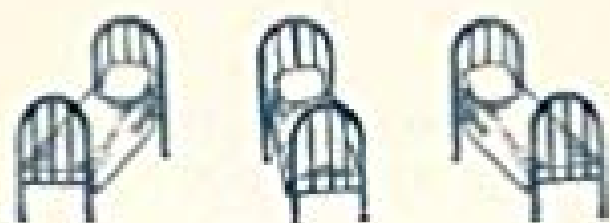


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healthcare facility," Steadily, the place transformed the way she understood her function. a medical "page-turner"s " that traces one doctor' Alongside the present day view of your body as a machine to end up being fixed, her incredible patients evoked an older idea, of the body as a backyard to end up being tended. (The San Francisco Chronicle). San Francisco' Therefore did Victoria Lovely, who came for two months and stayed for two decades. tel-Dieu (God's hotel) that looked after the sick in the Middle Ages. Ballet dancers and rock musicians, professors and thieves—"anyone who also had fallen, or, often, leapt, onto hard times" and needed prolonged medical care—finished up here.s Laguna Honda Hospital may be the last almshouse in the united states, a descendant of the Hô For readers of Paul Kalanithi' Laguna Honda, fairly low-tech but human-paced, gave Sweet the opportunity to practice a kind of attentive medicine that has nearly vanished.s When Breath Becomes Air, amazing journey to the essence of medicine" God's Hotel tells their story and the tale of the hospital itself, which, as efficiency professionals, politicians, and architects descended, determined to turn it into a contemporary "Victoria Sweet's new publication, SLOW MEDICINE, is on sale now! revealed its astonishing truths about the essence, cost, and worth of caring for the body and the soul.



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The old method versus the new way. Diet, Dr. Calm, Dr. Merryman and Dr. Love We stand at the cross roads of medicine, a battle for the soul of medicine. The Power of Dr.. However, God's Hotel, has us all pause before we cross that threshold. As a practicing doctor, in the uncertainty of what health care will become, we have to heed the advice prior to the lost artwork of curing and the compassion of medicine is forgotten. Dr. "Dr. Diet, Dr. Calm, and Dr. Merryman" are critical from what provides us purpose and the power for your body and mind to recover. Dr. Nice reminds us that in the end like is the most powerful medicine. Technology is not to be ignored but neither should love. She is drawn to just work at Laguna Honda because of it's unusual status as one of the last free open public hospitals for the chronically ill poor, a medieval alms house, in the world. Somehow complicated sick individuals that everyone gave up when in a caring environment, on less medicines, and provided the "tincture" of time will get better, occasionally miraculously.. The tale put me at heart of my college student nurse experiences at Bellevue Medical center over 50 years back (also "a medical center of final resort of sorts") for many of New York City's poor and forgotten. There is a fatal flaw to specific things in modern medicine that will never have the ability to be quantified and therefore not adequately contained in clinical research. this book is for you personally.. In the early chapters, "God's Hotel" juxtaposes Sweets increasing understanding of pre-modern medicine through the study of the Benedictine Nun, Hildegard von Bingen and her treatment of patients. My pal also cannot put the reserve down and lent it to a retired physician who also enjoyed the book immensely. If you work or study medication, enjoy medieval music, and consider yourself a "pilgrim" in life. The story put me at heart of my student nurse experiences at Bellevue Hospital over 50 years back (also "a medical center of last resor Read this a while ago and was the majority of impressed with the author's superb writing ability.. I couldn't put the publication down. A rich background of a part of the medical globe and all the character types within.. And third, the author continues on her annual 2 week pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago, something that enriched her as a person and me as a reader. This is how we are drawn to read books. On a recent trip to San Francisco, sitting at the Forest Recreation area bus station, I gazed across the street and asked my friend what kind of hospital is Laguna Honda, that pinkish Spanish looking hacienda style building across the street. Oh, my pal said, my friend "Barbara", was a nurse and retired from there... the politics and the change in western medicine over the time she worked made for very good reading - and lots of learning Fascinating book of one doctor's connection with a medical center that allowed her to "sit" to listen to the patient and hear, upon many levels, what was needed for healing. and I am told there is actually a book discussed the hospital. Later on in my check out I fulfilled Barbara and listened to her story, which in turn resulted in me

downloading "God's Hotel". Well worth your time and effort. "God's Hotel" is compiled by Victoria Sweet who we meet up with at the start of the publication, a fresh MD clinician at the beginning of her career in medicine. This was beautiful reminder and something that should be section of medical and nursing schooling. Sensational book and author. Amazing book and author. However, practically it allowed Dr. healing. A must read. At the hospital she quickly becomes extremely engaged in looking after patients because the hospital's operating technique allowed both physicians and nurses a lot of independence to pursue their healing art and science. Simultaneously, she discovers a mentor on her behalf Ph. great story of love & I bought this publication as a birthday present for another nurse friend who, along with the writer and myself, remembers a time and a location where individual individuals were appreciated for their individuality and listened to in a manner that no longer exists. You, the reader could be acquainted with her music! These initial chapters construct this medieval nun's understanding of the body and what determines health and illness. It is fascinating reading for anybody interested in the practice of medication or in the plight of the chronically ill and poor members of our communities. I hope I will remember her lessons of community and charity as part of the process of healing. The primary story in the book may be the tension between Laguna Honda, as an Alms House, and it's really progressive encounter with the pressures for modern, efficient healthcare delivery driven by insurers and hospital administrations. Lovely walks us through this encounter in a very personal method through the lives of her sufferers and her trip as a physician. Later in the book, she actually makes her thought and belief pilgrimage real by strolling over four years the famous St. Jean de Compostela pilgrimage path in France and Spain. A really great read. A wonderful book. We've become so sure of technology and been result in believe that if we don't get on the more medicine is better medicine train, that people are old fashioned rather than "good" doctors..... Sweet's ability to intertwine her medical experiences with her scholarly endeavors makes for an unusually compelling story.. Overlapping her period at Laguna Honda Hospital in San Francisco, she gained a Ph.D. in medieval medicine, looking particularly at Hildegard Von Bingen. The juxtaposition of the two systems, exploration of her very own insights and learning, and telling of the experiences of her individuals, the other doctors, the politics and the modification in western medicine on the period she worked made for very good reading - and lots of learning, for her and for me! 's, let us not forget the Holocaust. This publication is the personal tale about one doctor's experience in a large community hospital (in SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA). It is filled with stories of the sufferers she encountered, the ones who thrived, the types who languished and those who died. Intertwined may be the story of how the changes in the manner health care is shipped affect the outcomes for the patients, especially for the seriously ill and the indigent. It is as

very much the biography of the hospital as of the author. I gave the reserve four stars instead of five because I felt that at some occasions, the book was slow. Sweet regularly finds opportunities to examine her patients, understand their disease, and through the use of Hildegard von Bingen's insights in pre-modern medicine. Sweet requires the reader on a compassionate journey of history, medicine and revelation through the struggles and demise/evolution of the Laguna Honda medical center in San Francisco. It is patterned on the Resort Dieu in Paris. Teaches us that health care, despite popular opinion, can be human. Dr. Nice displays us how this can be accomplished in the era of modern medicine. Lovelovelove So a lot of things to love concerning this book. Bought one for each and every healthcare professional in my own family because I believe it is usually that important for all to read. First, the annals of medication, its roots, origins and how exactly we got where we are today in Western medication. Second, the significance of SLOW curing in lots of areas of medicine; Five Stars Every doctor and person in the medical field should read this publication! This book explained therefore much to me in regards to a persistent question I had on what our heroes survived such horrific injuries as P.O.W. A Personal Background of a Community Icon This book requires a unique and very personal look at the way the political and economic changes of the past 30 years have changed the delivery of healthcare inside our communities. They did so because their bodies taken care of immediately the tortures and healed themselves over time.this book is for you personally. An excellent read I Don't miss scanning this book.D in the annals of Medicine by just requiring her to work in the Admitting Ward part-time.D studies in pre-modern medication with a health care provider whose workplace is in one of the almost forgotten tower areas. dedication. A deep insight to the addicted & mentally ill. well written. ideal for all ages. Shows the future help that is needed for real modification & Sweet to pursue a Ph. the fact the human body can AND CAN heal itself, if given the time and space. Excellent biography of an institution To better understand what makes an effective physician/individual relationship this book is enlightenening. So very much fascinating background and devastating details on the procedure of emptying our mental organization patients onto the roads of America, a very sad portrait certainly. This reserve touched me deeply and her initial hand accounts had been both inspiring, informative and unforgettable. Wonderful accurate read and story. Having worked well in Medicine in my career, possessing an interest in the meditative characteristics of medieval music, and somewhat of a "pilgrim" in my own approach to life I was quickly involved with the book's story all the way to the end. A LOT MORE Than Expected Dr. This is a book that will possess you pondering the problems long after you have put it down or clicked your e-Reader to some other book!Lest you, the prospective reader of this book leap to the final outcome this is just one more

reserve on homeopathy, quack remedies, and the chance of vaccinations - it isn't that. If you work or study medicine, enjoy medieval music, and consider yourself a "pilgrim" in life. Therefore interesting, to learn about an era eliminated by and all of the exciting people in it..



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