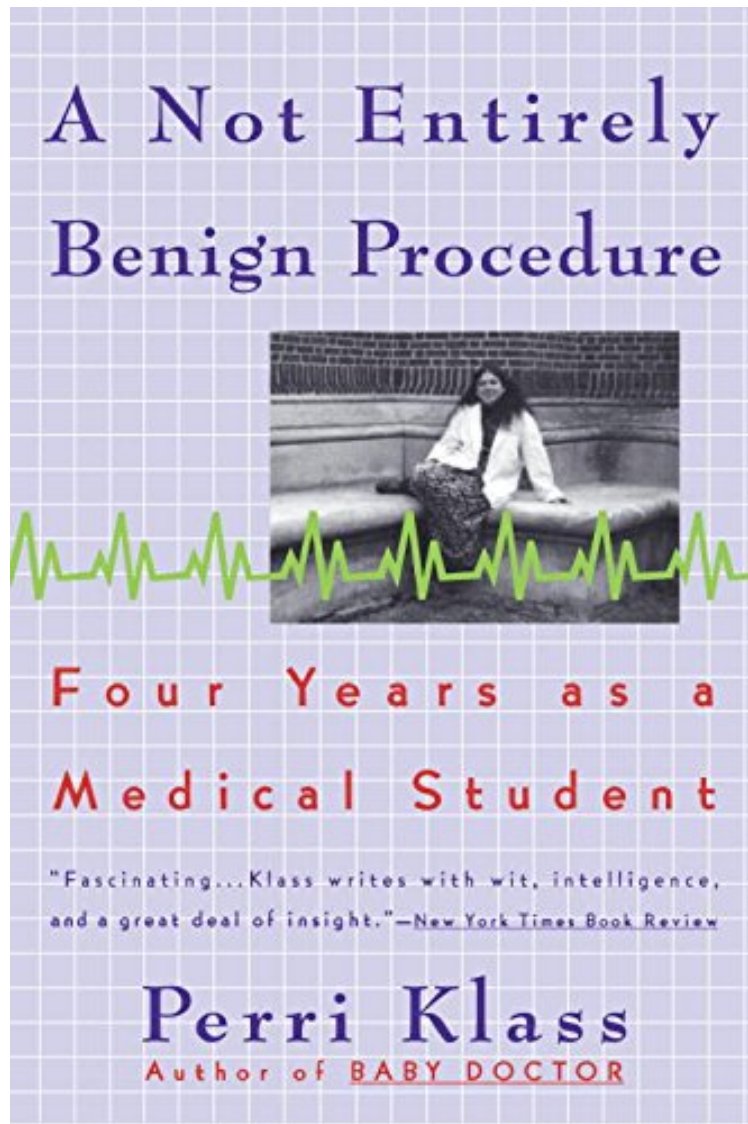


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a career - the overwhelming stress and forced maturation she describes is daunting. On the other hand, it's probably very realistic for someone going through the process while juggling a family. Her writing is accessible and insightful, and at times I found myself identifying completely with her and her thoughts on the field (though, granted, in some ways the book is outdated). A book I will likely re-read. The person who said she was run-of-the-mill clearly didn't identify at all with her, which is not a failure of her writing so much as their imagination, especially given that they recommended Melvin Konner's "Becoming a doctor", which is a far less eloquent/evocative book. 16 of 19 people found the following review helpful. An excellent book for the lay reader. By One Fancy Angel I'm not in medical school, nor will I ever be, and I don't want to become a pediatrician. My feelings it that Klass wrote this book for the lay reader. Although she sometimes spells-out medical terminology as if her readers were in fifth grade, that is the only fault I find in this book. It's a lively, introspective look at a female medical student, one that, having several doctors, I needed to read. The book gives those of us who are not doctors a first-hand look at what an intern goes through. While there are some very funny moments, Klass gives us a very intense look at the fears she encountered, the exhaustion, her failures and successes, and her wonderful look at her fellow medical students. I highly recommend this book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very Interesting read. By Roze I bought this book because I am interested in going to medical school. The writer both confirmed and eased my fears about it. It's a hard journey, stressful, but worth it. I feel like I really learned a lot from the short stories in this book.

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