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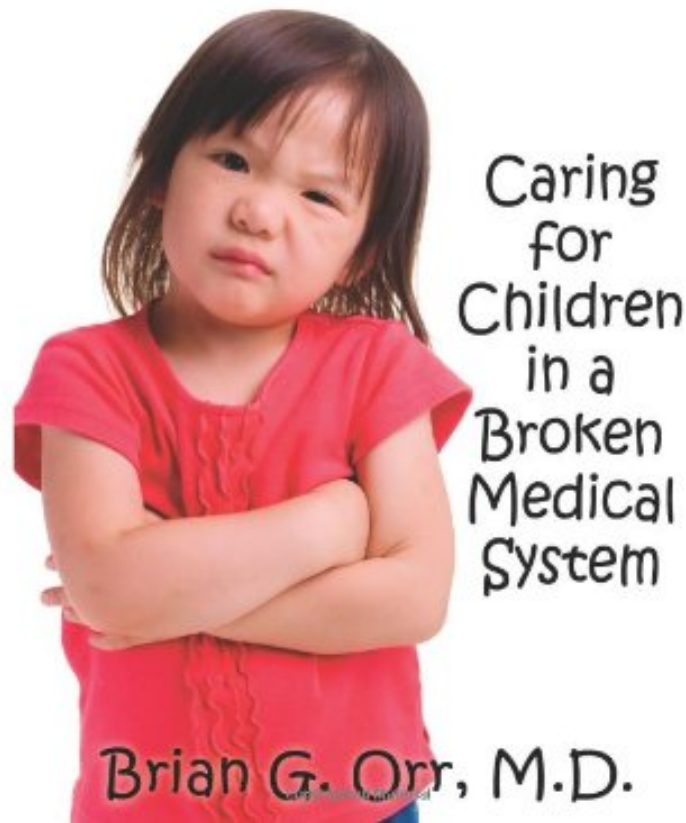
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**Dr. Brian G. Orr : A Pediatrician's Journal: Caring for children in a broken medical system** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Pediatrician's Journal: Caring for children in a broken medical system:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Interesting, but lacks focus By Jijnasu Forever A very easy-to-read autobiographical narrative that presents some poignant stories from the field of medicine, and a set of semi-organized

thoughts on healthcare system in the US. That's essentially the summary of the book. The specific patient stories does convey some of the greatest intangible benefits of being a physician, and some of the real challenges associated with it. While the sub-text of the title caught my attention, the author doesn't really exploit his experiences to provide a more coherent, well-organized critique of the healthcare system as the sub-title implied. Familiar criticisms of pharma's advertisement methods, "bribing", lawyers and malpractice insurance, and a health care system focusing on profits are all mentioned with familiar arguments, but with a personal touch. A good read. The sub-text flattered to deceive. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Wonderful Book! By K. Moss My children have the great fortune to be patients of Dr. Orr, and the fact that he's written an inviting, informative, heartfelt book simply mirrors the way he treats his patients and their families! I loved the book and have bought several for my friends to read. Dr. Orr takes us on journey, not only professionally but personally. His allowing us to see how he interacts with his own children and wife, and others in need, is an inspiration. His candid views of the failing health care system gives me hope that it CAN improve with caring doctors, like Dr. Orr, at the helm. Buy this book! Tell all your friends about it! A great gift for friends and family. You, and they, will not be disappointed! --A mother of four in New England 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A must-read for anyone interested in the state of healthcare today By Sarah Kate Weiss This book is a sobering account of the healthcare system today and should serve as a reminder that there is a great deal of work to be done to fix this system. Dr. Orr writes in a manner that is frank, lacks arrogance and is accessible. For anyone who has left a doctor's visit (whether it be a pediatrician or an orthopedist) feeling unheard, rushed and wondering what just happened in the ten minutes the doctor spent with you, read this book to have your questions answered. Then ask yourself what we can do to fix this broken medical system.

Award-winning pediatrician Dr. Brian G. Orr offers compelling evidence, gained through firsthand professional experience, that the health care system in the United States is broken and in need of change. His real-life stories of everyday families spanning the globe from Honduran villages to suburban Boston offers specific help and guidelines to getting the best medical care for your children in spite of the system in place. Practical and timely, this insider's exposé gives savvy parents the tools they need to take charge of their children's health.

From Booklist Orr begins his book with the disclaimer, "I am not a writer." Well, maybe not, but he is a fine storyteller. His account of his medical training; stint as a navy physician at Bethesda Naval Hospital, the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, and finally a tiny island off the Italian coast; and then his volunteer work in the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, and Honduras is lively and moving. Possibly even more than the description of a typical day, the tales he tells of this experience best illustrate his point that the U.S. medical system is broken. Families are bankrupted by medical emergencies, children go without critical medication for lack of insurance coverage, and the best medical care goes to the wealthiest. Doctors are driven to see record numbers of patients or lose income, with the result that individual care is negligible, and expensive testing equipment is housed in digs much finer than his own crowded office. Orr asks why this all should be, and his answers aren't comfortable or easy. Donna Chavez Copyright copy; American Library Association. All rights reserved From the Publisher Mom's Choice Award 2009 Silver Recipient: Family Parenting About the Author Dr. Brian G. Orr is a board-certified pediatrician who has practiced for over twenty-three years and currently practices at Cape Ann Pediatrics in Gloucester. Graduating from Georgetown Medical School in 1982, Dr. Orr has contributed to medical reports on Boston's CBS affiliate, CBS4, and has also been featured and profiled in prominent news outlets including The Boston Globe and NPR.