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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. long introductionBy cxlxmI purchased this book because my situation is similar to the author's, and I was looking for the reflections of someone who had gone the same path I am contemplating.Since there isn't too much autobiographical material out there about PA's, I think this book fills a need. However, the material of relevance is only the second half of the book, which is written in a standard narrative style and contains more reflection. The first half, about the author's experience on ski-patrol, was not of interest, and written in the style of journal entries. If you are already on ski-patrol or an EMT, you will not find much that's new to you. If you are contemplating joining ski-patrol or Emergency Medical Services, you will have to wade through a heavy dose of the author's friends and co-workers (although this is a big part of emergency medicine, so maybe that's good).The writing style is very casual, and the book is a fast read. Sometimes I found statements like "Give these guys an honorary PhD in snowology" to be hokey, but they project a definite and likable personality.Overall: not great autobiographical literature a la Robert Graves, but anyone who is having reservations about nursing school or who doesn't know much about the day-to-day regimen of a PA student would be well-served.0 of 0 people found the

following review helpful. Good overview of what to expect. By Erik T. Hord I'm in a similar position as the author, that is contemplating a mid-life career change to PA and found the book to be very informative and enjoyable. This is a quick and fun read and gave me a great glimpse into the process of becoming a PA. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. From Toy Salesman to Ski Patrol to Physician's Assistant - Changing careers in mid-life By C. Laurent I love to ski and always wondered about those guys with the white cross on their jackets. I really enjoyed how this middle-aged guy goes from a toy sales man to ski bum to ski patrol and then finds he really likes medicine. I am middle aged and really have to hand it to this guy to go back to school to get into nursing only to end up in Physician Assistant school. I found the book funny and a good, fast, entertaining read. If you know anyone who is wondering if they can change careers over 40 this is a great book to read. Also I think anyone in the skiing, EMS or medical area would enjoy it.

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