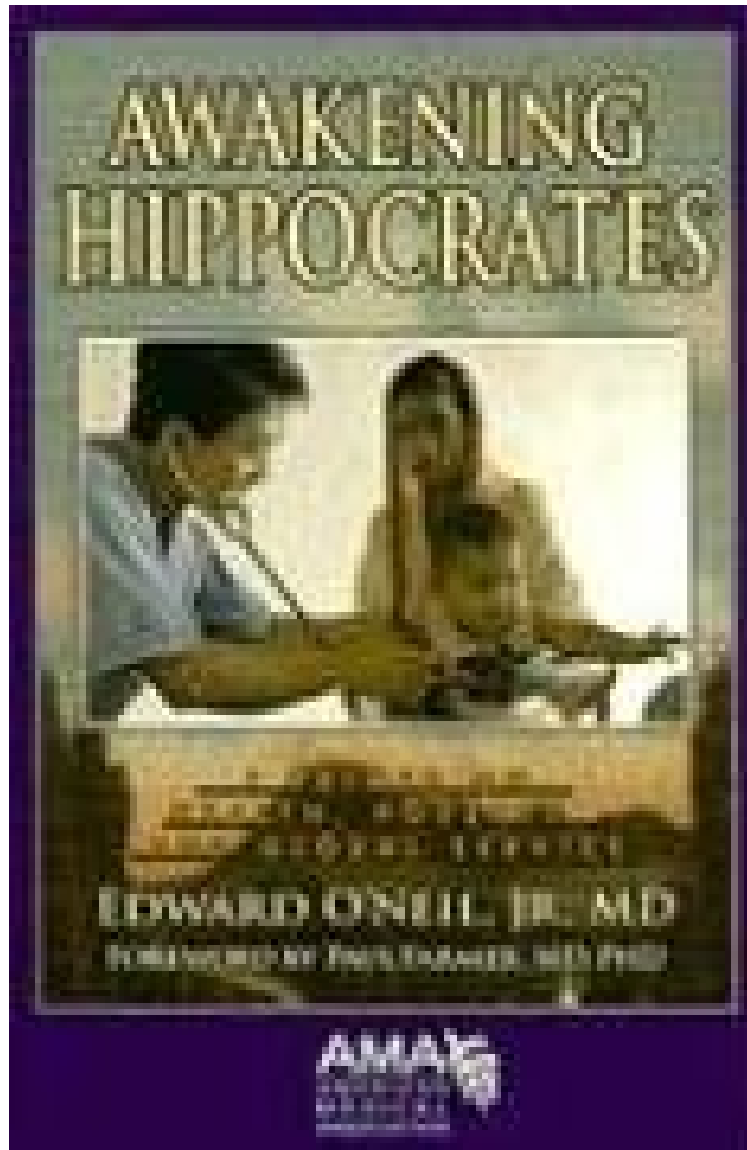


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written about him. His correspondence with Helene Bresslau, before their marriage, reveals the doubts and worries that accompanied his decision to work in Africa. The second book, *A Practical Guide to Global Health Service* provides the help needed for students and practitioners alike to study the many possibilities available and figure out how to pursue short term or long term involvement to meet the many needs for health assistance in other countries. Decades ago, a medical student, Robert Farley (now Kim-Farley) recognized the need for such a guide for students. His summary brought some order into a confusing field. But global health work has never had a well-defined career path and many have been discouraged in finding support, subsequently abandoning their efforts. This book celebrates the many avenues to the work in global health making it easier than ever before to plan a personal journey based on past experiences, interests and skills. As the number of public health students with an interest in global health expands, they will find this one of the most useful books in planning their futures. Rarely has global health been provided with such a needed guide at just the moment when a tipping point has been reached in visualizing the possibility of narrowing the health equity gap in the world. We can be grateful for O'Neil for assembling the material and to the American Medical Association for its publication." -William Foege, MD, MPH, Emeritus Professor of Global Health at Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Senior Advisor to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Former Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, and Former Executive Director of The Carter Center