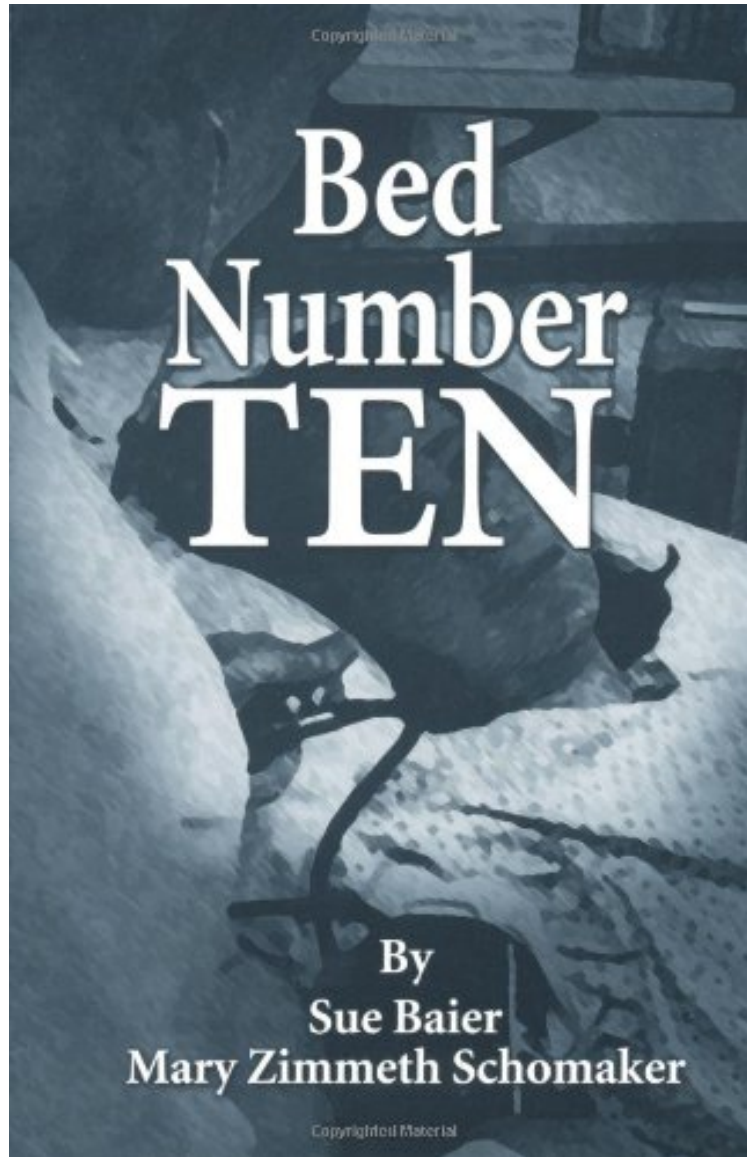


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**Sue Baier, Mary Zimmeth Schomaker : Bed Number Ten** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Bed Number Ten:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Should be required reading for doctors, nurses and all medical personnel By Cynthia Marsh My son, who is a medical doctor, self diagnosed Guillain Barre Syndrome in August of 2014 at the age of 40. He drove to the hospital where he practices internal medicine and the ER staff told him they

were sure it was not GBS and to go home. He asked to be admitted. In 24 hours he could no longer walk and in 48 hours he was completely paralyzed and on a respirator. He is now 8 months out from this wicked diagnosis. The beauty is, like most GBS patients he will have a full recovery, but he still has large motor skill difficulties. Sue Baier's story was very much like my son's story. Some of the medical personnel were great, but those who only cared about the "numbers" and not the person far outnumbered the caring staff. Thankfully these days, hospitals allow family and friends to stay with the patient and my son was never left alone during the darkest hours, like Sue was. We were able to have someone with him around the clock for several weeks, until he was off the respirator and could easily communicate. This is a great book for anyone who has had GBS, knows someone who has had it, or most importantly, someone who would like to understand what it means to be a caring and empathetic health care provider and treat people like human beings and not like a number. I was appalled at the behavior of many doctors, nurses and therapists. It should be required reading for anyone doing long term care. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Fellow Traveler By Barbara G. Albert I read this book with much interest and sympathy since, I too have suffered from Guillain-Barre syndrome and could relate to many of Sue's suffering and frustrations. It has been many years ago for me, but I just discovered this account, referred by yet another fellow sojourner. Kudos to Sue for the courage to write her account of her recovery from this terrifying and debilitating illness that few people have even heard of. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. wow... I can't believe how strong she is By delightful\_life Sue suffered a severe attack of the auto immune disorder "Guillain-Barre". She details her ordeal in this book, how it quickly almost totally paralyzed her, leaving only blinking her eyelids for communication, and what her almost year long hospital stay was like. Throughout reading it I was struck by how amazing she is. She didn't give up and kept fighting through. Every page is interesting and you can feel her frustration, struggle, anxiety, and fears, and likewise her joy at leaving the ICU for a private room. If you take care of people whether as a registered medical professional or as a friend or family caregiver, this true story will help anyone understand what it is like to be in the vulnerable position of having your life in someone else's hands. And not just life but day to day activities. I hope you are well Sue and I hope you read this and know how much I admire your fortitude and never give up attitude. God bless you!

A patient's personal view of long term care. Seen through the eyes of a patient totally paralyzed with Guillain-Barre syndrome, this moving book takes you through the psychological and physical pain of an eleven month hospital stay. BED NUMBER TEN reads like a compelling novel, but is entirely factual. You will meet: The ICU staff who learned to communicate with the paralyzed woman - and those who did not bother. The physicians whose visits left her baffled about her own case. The staff and physicians who spoke to her and others who did not recognize her presence. The nurse who tucked Sue tightly under the covers, unaware that she was soaking with perspiration. The nurse who took the time to feed her drop by drop, as she slowly learned how to swallow again. The physical therapist who could read her eyes and spurred her on to move again as if the battle were his own. In these pages, which reveal the caring, the heroism, and the insensitivity sometimes found in the health care fields, you may even meet people you know.

From Publishers Weekly A Houston housewife, mother of two teenage daughters, Baier endured a virtual living death when she contracted Guillain-Barre syndrome. Suddenly and without apparent cause, her body was entirely immobilized; meanwhile her mind remained alert and her nervous system lost none of its sensitivity to pain. At first able to communicate only by moving her eyelids and laboriously "spelling" key words, she slowly improved until she was released from the hospital and returned home. Here five years after the trauma, which has left her handicapped she thanks her husband, family and members of her church and community for the support that compensated for bouts of depression and the occasional callousness of hospital personnel. Baier's chronicle of courage offers hope to victims of the catastrophic disease. Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Guillain-Barre is a rare syndrome that can occur after a viral infection, causing degeneration of nerve sheaths and resulting in temporary paralysis. Baier chronicles her severe bout with this puzzling illness and her almost year-long stay in the hospital, most of which was spent in bed number ten of the intensive care unit. She was completely helpless and unable to move except for her eyelids; her mind remained clear but she could communicate with the sometimes unsympathetic staff only by blinking her eyes. Like other books of this genre, Bed Number Ten serves as an expression of gratitude to the many people who helped the author recover. At the same time, Baier provides a graphic personal view of one patient's experience with modern medicine in an ICU. A portion of this book appeared in Family Circle magazine. Karen McNally Bensing, Metropolitan General Hospital Lib., Cleveland Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. ... "offers invaluable messages for anyone dealing with dependency, suffering, loneliness, helplessness, or acute or chronic debilitating diseases - in short, for anyone taking care of others. No one reading this book will ever again regard the helpless or incommunicative patient the same way." - New England Journal of Medicine