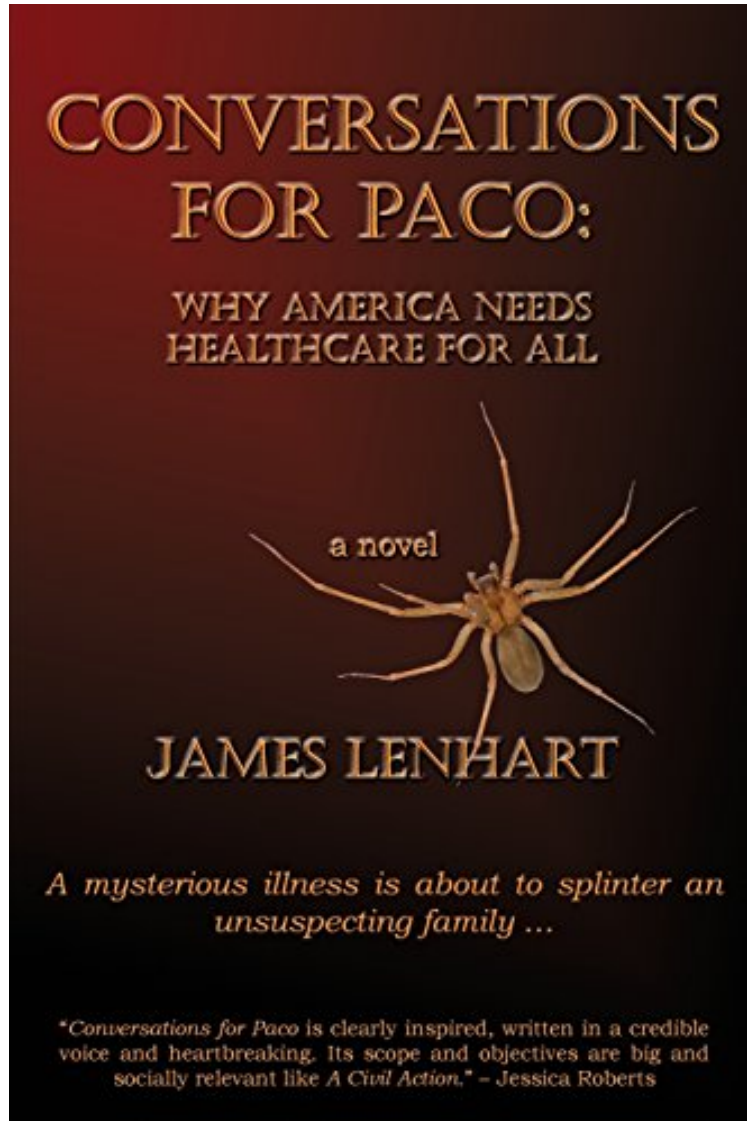


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**James Lenhart : Conversations for Paco: Why America Needs Healthcare For All** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Conversations for Paco: Why America Needs Healthcare For All:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Hats off to this Physician/AuthorBy GerryAs a person with an ill-defined, unresolved health problem for the last 36 years, I deeply sympathized with the nightmare Paco and his family endured. I also appreciated the candor from this physician/author who dares to critique his own profession. The

healthcare system, medical schools, insurance industry, and way too many practitioners should admit and confront their weaknesses and their many moments of inhumanity. It takes a very fine person indeed to be a good physician. We expect a great deal from physicians - pain and dysfunction leave us all helpless in our layman's world. The entire system and all who function within it should care about what they do in their work. Dr. Lenhart is obviously a physician who cares, and cares enough to write this story as well. My only criticism would be that I did not see the extent of physician arrogance in the book that I have experienced in real life. Thank you for writing this book.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A well written tale of medicine in America

By A. Downs

The story of an immigrant family battling a mysterious illness, this well written book dramatizes the good and the bad in our U.S. system of medical care. We are introduced to an unethical health care executive and to doctors who are interested only in the money, with little regard for their patients, but also to doctors and a medical student showing real concern for their patients.

The book is organized as a series of short scenes rather than chapters. The scenario the book depicts comes across as realistic and a frightening take on what outcomes can occur in American medicine, especially for poor patients.

I quickly became engrossed in the story and found it hard to put down. The writing is clear and colorful. While medical terms and some Spanish are used, they are generally translated for the reader. I strongly recommend

Conversations For Paco.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Very Important Book

By Jane Asche

I thought the story was very real based on my experiences among close friends in the medical profession. It also vividly portrayed the discrimination that takes place in the medical system for people of color and low or limited income families. I live in a community and interact with minority families who experience this discrimination frequently even though this state is a majority-minority state. It is tragic that Paco lost his life due to an instance of disease that could have been easily cured if the medical doctors had paid close attention to his symptoms and had followed up to see that their orders for tests were carried out by the medical staff at the county hospital. The family was quite real, displaying the warmth and familial love so common among Latinos or Hispanics from Mexican roots. My heart went out to both Paco and Sarita, who tried so valiantly to be an advocate for her husband, but to no avail since healthcare personnel at the county hospital had already made a judgement that they were lazy, stupid Mexicans in spite of the fact that their family in no way fit that stereotype. Was I a bit turned off by the vulgar language of some of the characters and descriptions of sexual encounters? Yes, but anyone who has not lead a completely sheltered life also knows these things are all part real life. This was a real life story, with all the characteristics of a spell binding novel. The most important thing the story made clear was the great need for a universal healthcare system that provides quality healthcare for all people in our country, which is still the wealthiest country in the world. Yet we continue to rank way down in the list of the developed countries on healthcare outcomes. Healthcare for all is a moral decision and the story makes clear that not enough of our elected officials or healthcare professionals currently chose to make that decision a part of their standards for morality. Thank you, Dr. James Lenhart, for this fine book based on your true life experiences and for your high standards of practice as evidenced by your national honors and recognition.

A mysterious illness is about to splinter an unsuspecting family ... an exposé jam-packed with love, lust, debauchery and greed unfolds when disease collides with healthcare profiteers and physician indifference in *Conversations for Paco*. Inspired by a true account, *Conversations for Paco* juxtaposes the venerable institutions of medicine against the personal anguish of enigmatic disease as PACO and SARITA SÁNCHEZ battle Paco's mysterious illness and JUSTIN SUTHERLAND surmounts the unanticipated challenges of medical education. Two parts social criticism, one part medical suspense, it spins a thought provoking, yet spellbinding tale. What happens in the end will haunt you forever and force you to ask, "Can this really be?" Unfortunately, the painful truth is ... "Yes."

"Conversations for Paco is clearly inspired, written in a credible voice and heartbreaking. Its scope and objectives are big and socially relevant like *A Civil Action*" ~ Jessica Roberts

From the Back Cover

Is it any surprise that the drama played out through the lives of Sarita and Paco Sánchez resonates to some degree, and on some level, with each and every one of us? Is it any wonder we shake our heads and ask: "What went wrong with healthcare in America and how can this be?" Or do we question: "Has healthcare in the U.S. lost its ethical compass?"