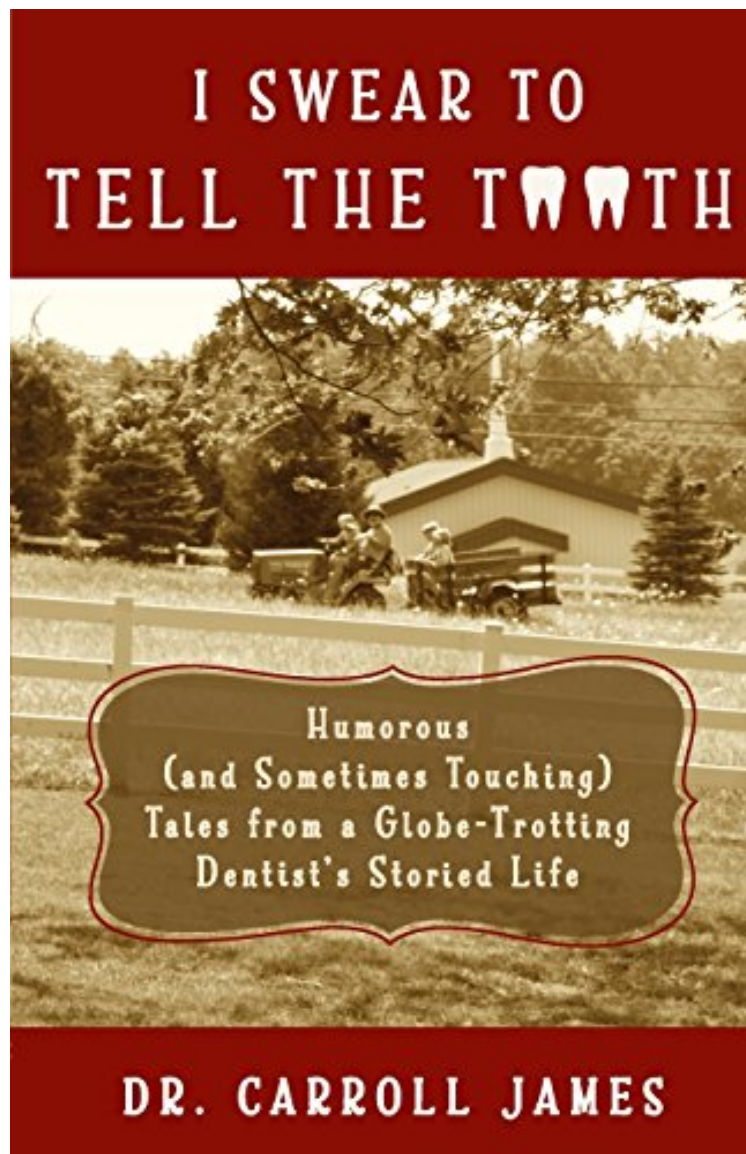


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very well done memoir about a life in dentistry. By Serafina Mezzanotte Dr James is a good dentist, but perhaps his underlying true calling would have been as a storyteller. He certainly amassed a plethora of stories that thankfully for us, he wrote down and remembered over the years. And then cared enough to share them with us. His accounts are fascinating, funny and interesting. Dr James doesn't shy away from our collective fear of dentistry. In fact it sets up the book and is one of the questions he struggles to answer. He shares with us the foibles of his staff, his life along the way from growing up in a rural area outside Washington DC to his private practice in the city, and the colorful patients he encounters both at his home practice and around the world. This book is the first of three and I'm looking forward to reading the other two for more stories. I recommend this book for any dentists or people who work in the dental profession, obviously. But also this would be a great book for anyone interested in learning the art of memoir, as Dr James really excels in this format. The way he intertwines his childhood experiences and memories with his life along the way to the current day is very well done. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Catchy title, interesting read. By Carleen Markivich This was a wonderful read with a glimpse into the life of a dentist. Dr. Carroll James graciously takes his readers on a journey into his own personal life and what a journey it is! Readers are able to view this dentist's comical and heavy laden life. I would highly suggest this book to everyone and especially to those who have a fear of dentists. This book will put you at ease and let you see the normal aspect of a dentist's life. The book is a fast read and quite comical throughout. As Dr. Carroll eloquently put it, you have to have a sense of humor when working in the medical industry. This book is the first in a series of three, so this book is more introductory. I can't wait to read book two! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Afraid of Dentists? Read This! By Caitlyn Marsolek I absolutely hate going to the dentist. I think a lot of us do. But not only does this book acknowledge that fear, but it also gives us several stories to laugh about and make us more comfortable. However, there were moments that just made me cringe (not the writing, but the situation) and I had to close the book momentarily to get my mind off of the pain that person had to be in. Luckily those moments are few and far between, and the pleasant anecdotes pull you right back in and put you in a nice place. I don't know how much it really changed that fear of dentists, but the stories did put me at ease. I also enjoyed the way that Dr. Carroll would introduce people. He makes all these funny observations, and it's so well done that it makes the reader feel as if you are actually meeting the person. Not to mention it gets you rather attached. At the beginning I thought, "Oh, his grandmother seems like such a sweet lady," and then in the next chapter she dies. Great people that pull on your heartstrings and keep me interested in the book are a must when reading, and his grandmother is just the first in a line of many. Finally, I really enjoyed the story at the very beginning of how all of this started. How he decided he will become a dentist is hilarious, and it really takes you back to think about what you saw through your eyes when you were a child. It was the part that drew me into the book in the first place despite my fear of dentists. I'm going to say this is one of the best prologue's I've ever read, and the little origin story is what makes it so fantastic. I have the next two books read on my Kindle as well. Can't wait to share my opinions on them!

Quirky patients, one-of-a-kind employees, and farm animals set the stage for this humorous, tender, and sometimes irreverent saga of Dr. Carroll James's dental practice. Headphone-clad patients bop in the dental chair while Dr. James tries to work on the moving target; a long-timer happily drops her pants to show off her latest surgical scar; and a lost cell phone drops out of a patient's boxer shorts. You just can't make this stuff up. Working from his rural home office, Dr. James juggles family, patients, staff, and occasional livestock as he struggles to maintain his professional decorum. After thirty years of scatterbrained staff and distinct clientele, he often finds himself simply shaking his head with a laugh. Alongside the colorful assistants and hilarious antics, we learn just how challenging--and perilous--dental school can be, as well as witness the acquisition of a half-built farmette certain to take years to finish, a few errant horses, an intriguing trip to Russia with US-USSR Bridges for Peace, and poignant lessons that, when you're not chuckling at the author's childhood (and sometimes adult) mischief, are sure to touch your heart.

"Deftly written by a dentist who clearly has a winning sense of humor." -Dr. Geoff Jones, VA pediatrician "Better written than a book I just edited by a best-selling author." -Michael Garrett, Stephen King's first editor "Amazing stories ... thoroughly enjoyed it!" -WRWL, reviewer "A great tribute to dentistry, family, fellowship, and life." -Dr. Mary Alice Connor, PA dentist "Congratulations on telling your interesting story in such a lively way, and mixing in so much history ... I know that's not always easy." -Steve Vogel, contributor to the Washington Post "A handsome and witty book. A true gem ... can't wait for the sequel." -Cynthia Armstrong, MD, RN "Couldn't put it down!" -Bill Rhea, underemployed Texas nice guy "This book is so funny-I'm glad Dr. James has written another book, The Whole Tooth. I just loved it." -Valerie Townsend "A heartwarming story that I could not put down." -Lisa, an reader "Very entertaining. I highly recommend it!" - customer "An easy read and very good. I'm looking forward to the next book

with baited breath!" -Marsha Braunstein "This is a very sweet book about normal people, their lives and loves and struggles." -Leslie F. "I really enjoyed reading I Swear to Tell the Tooth and can't wait until the next one is published so I can recommend it to my friends." -Dr. Natalia Tomona "A delightful read. I loved every minute of it and can't wait for the next one." -Janet R. About the Author

Dr. Carroll James is a graduate of Gettysburg College, receiving his doctorate from the Farleigh-Dickenson University College of Dentistry in 1975. For two years, he practiced as an Associate in Rockville, MD, before establishing a private practice near Bethesda. After fifteen years in private practice, he began a satellite practice in Pyleton, MD (a fictional town). When that venture was unexpectedly interrupted, he purchased a home in the nearby rural town of Gloyd (also fictional) in which he established another satellite practice. That office grew exponentially and after another ten years, he moved from Rockville altogether and now enjoys treating patients in Gloyd. Over the course of his career he has contributed articles to health columns, been published in the CMDS Journal, edited a monthly newsletter, lectured to medical students, written a blog, and contributed to the Academy of General Dentistry journal Impact. In addition, he and his family were featured in a human interest TV documentary about his wife's almost-fatal adventure in the jungles of southern Mexico. As a child, Dr. James spent summers at his maternal grandparent's primitive home in the rugged Appalachian heartland of southwest Virginia. This experience forged his passion for serving impoverished peoples throughout the far reaches of the world. Blessed with three children and four live-wire grandchildren, Carroll and his wife, Kate, continue to maintain their valued practice in their rural home.