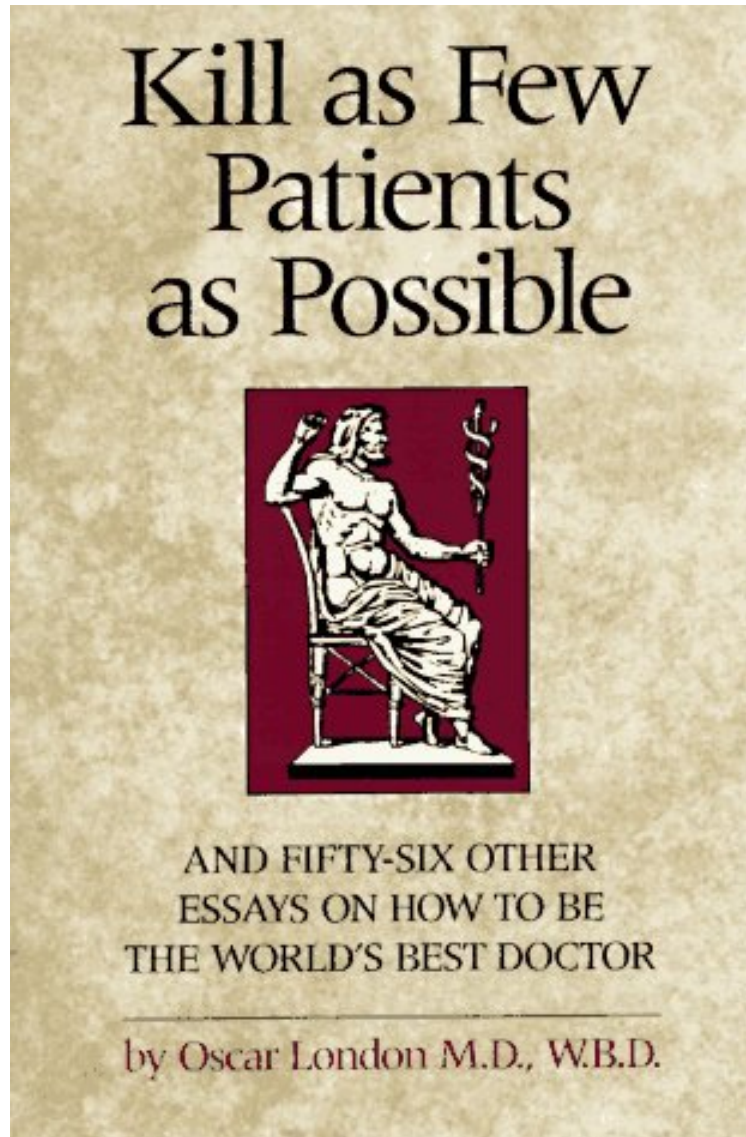


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reading Dr. London's semihumorous review of how he has survived the vagaries of office practice and been an advocate for his patients has been a confirmation of some of my own prejudices. Some of his revelations, such the fact that physicians don't know everything nor diagnose every disease accurately, may come as a shock to some people. Medicine involves one imperfect human being caring for a series of similarly flawed people who happen to be sick and distressed by their illness. It's a miracle, given the variability of illness, and the tendency of patients to deviate from the "textbook" descriptions, that we save as many as we do. The book injects a needed reality into the mysterious world of office practice, which is far different from the hospital environment usually dramatized on TV. It's a worthwhile addition to the popular medical literature; it won't tell you how to cure your ulcer or stave off a heart attack, but it will tell you what makes your doctor tick. Bravo, Dr. London!

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By Kathryn Esplin
As someone who is as jaded as I am about the medical field, I was hoping for more serious inquiry and less humor. I do think the book has many helpful stories that may elucidate positive feelings from many medical consumers, some who may feel their doctors know more than they actually do. I am one who feels the doctors definitely know less than they tell us, so I was hoping for more inquiry and less self-inflation via humor. But still worth reading.
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Very funny read with great insight!

In this book is advice that will gladden -- and possibly strengthen -- the hearts of patients and doctors alike. With unassailable logic and rapier wit, Dr. Oscar London defends his claim to be the World's Best Doctor by explaining the 57 rules he follows. Follow along as you laugh and learn how your own physician can become the world's second best doctor.

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London, an internist in private practice, offers 56 short essays on his profession that consist of alternating doses of slapstick and poignancy. For example, in moving tones he tells of his joy at consulting a dour hematologist who properly diagnosed a 24-year-old woman's elusive illness and saved her life. Then he makes an all-too-familiar, if well-phrased, complaint about being forced to look at other doctors' vacation photos. But there are many gems here: London tells of pet peeves (being called "Doc"); derides medical conventions (in lecture halls after large meals doctors don't listen because "blood is being massively shunted from brains to intestines"); rails against smoking ("my favorite punchline is to tell a smoker she's microwaving herself to death"); and promotes Valium over alcohol for relieving stress ("taken in moderation, Valium works immoderately well to get my tense patients through their days and nights and me through mine with brain and liver cells intact"). Despite some overreaching for humorous effect, this is an entertaining, insightful book. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc.