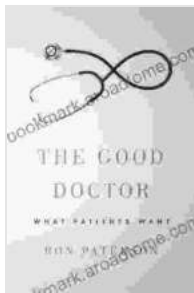


The Good Doctor: What Patients Want

By Margaret Edson

In her new book, *The Good Doctor*, Dr. Margaret Edson explores the complex relationship between doctors and patients. With wit and wisdom, she offers practical advice on how to get the best possible care.



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Edson, a practicing physician for over 30 years, knows firsthand the challenges that both doctors and patients face. She has seen the good, the bad, and the ugly of healthcare. But she has also seen the power of a good doctor-patient relationship to heal both body and soul.

In *The Good Doctor*, Edson shares her insights into what patients want from their doctors. She identifies the six essential qualities of a good doctor: competence, compassion, communication, collaboration, continuity of care, and cost-effectiveness.

Competence is essential for any doctor. Patients need to know that their doctor is knowledgeable and skilled. They need to be confident that their doctor can diagnose and treat their medical problems effectively.

Compassion is just as important as competence. Patients need to feel that their doctor cares about them as a person, not just as a patient. They need to know that their doctor is listening to them and understanding their concerns.

Communication is key to a good doctor-patient relationship. Patients need to be able to communicate their symptoms and concerns to their doctor clearly. And doctors need to be able to explain their diagnosis and treatment plan in a way that patients can understand.

Collaboration is also essential. Doctors need to work together with patients to develop a treatment plan that meets the patient's individual needs. And patients need to be willing to follow their doctor's instructions and recommendations.

Continuity of care is important for patients with chronic conditions. They need to have a doctor who knows their medical history and can provide ongoing care and support.

Cost-effectiveness is also a factor to consider. Patients need to be able to afford their medical care. And doctors need to be mindful of the cost of their services.

The Good Doctor is a valuable resource for both patients and doctors. It provides practical advice on how to build a strong doctor-patient relationship and get the best possible care.

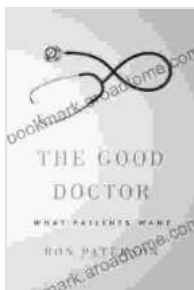
Here are some of the key lessons that Edson teaches in *The Good Doctor*:

- Patients want to be treated with respect and dignity.
- Patients want to be informed about their medical condition and treatment options.
- Patients want to be involved in their own care.
- Patients want to feel that their doctor cares about them as a person.
- Patients want to be able to afford their medical care.

The Good Doctor is a must-read for anyone who has ever been a patient or loved one of a patient. It is a book that will help you to understand the complex relationship between doctors and patients and get the best possible care.

About the Author

Margaret Edson is a practicing physician and the author of the novel *The Good Doctor*. She has been a practicing physician for over 30 years and has seen the good, the bad, and the ugly of healthcare. She is passionate about helping patients to get the best possible care and has written *The Good Doctor* to share her insights into what patients want from their doctors.



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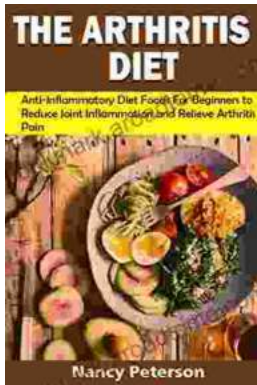
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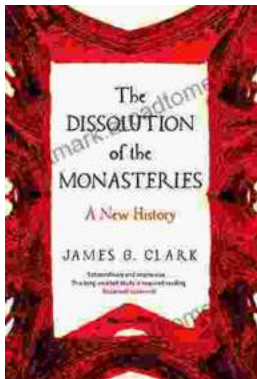
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