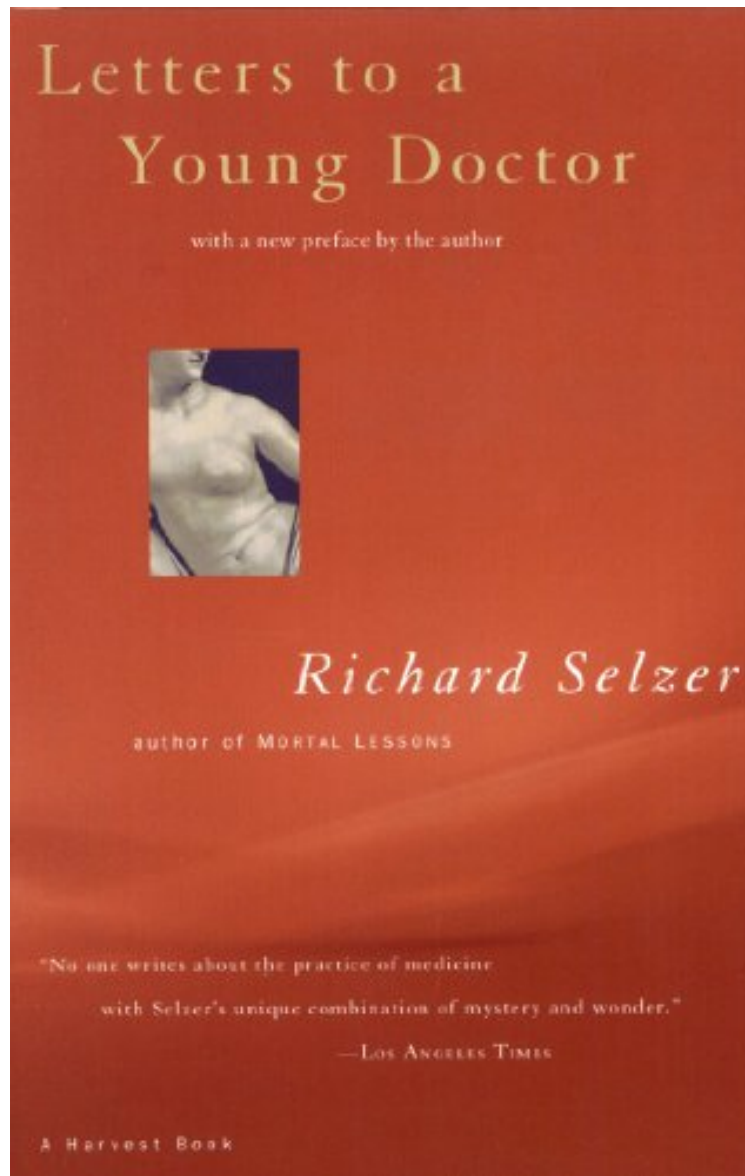


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Von Richard Selzer : Letters to a Young Doctor (Harvest Book) (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Letters to a Young Doctor (Harvest Book) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Selzer prepares medical hopefuls for the art of surgery.Von SimonR007@aol.comRichard Selzer prepares those with an

interest in surgery, specifically medical hopefuls, for the science of medicine through personal experiences that are shared with the reader in *Letters to a Young Doctor*. He shows that surgery, or being a doctor on a whole can have its days of redemption and it's times of tragedy. Selzer uses emotions to create an emotional bond between the reader, the writer, and the patients. Personal testimony of specific examples, tied in with metaphors, comparisons, and imagery, prepare the reader for what he/she must face in the future as a participant in the field of medicine. The book is organized into 23 different stories and experiences used by Selzer to prepare medical students with what they will encounter as doctors/surgeons. This also includes 5 letters written specifically to the students of surgery in first person viewpoint. These divided sections of the book hold the same ideas, but are presented in different a manner each. One part might discuss the impact being a doctor may have on society. Another might focus on the aspects in specific, such as the respect one must hold for the tools used in surgery. But all these parts create a whole idea, that being a doctor has its success by in accompanied by the horrors. And this prepares medical students for the life of a surgeon. That is the beauty of Selzer's work. In preparing the young medical world for the future of which they wish to experience as doctors, Richard Selzer pushes the dismay and prosperity of surgery and being a doctor, a healer, into the light. He shares through personal experiences the emotions felt day to day. Selzer uses comparisons to support the specific examples and imagery to support the comparisons. He is thorough in his work and leaves an impression on his audience, the medical hopefuls of the world. The impact he has creates an effect that, in turn, touches everyone.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good but not great. Score: 7 Von David Graham Under the old .com ranking system, I would give this book a seven on a ten point scale. As a fellow surgeon who enjoys Selzer's writings, I thought this was a good, yet not great collection of ruminations. Some of the chapters were quite touching, some were funny, and some were quite plain. A few actually suffered from Selzer's exuberant imagination as he tried to stuff meaning and metaphor into patients' stories that didn't fit. Taking it all together, I'm glad I bought it, but I liked his book *Mortal Lessons* much better.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A must for future doctors and people interested in medicine Von Ein Kunde Selzer is an amazing writer. His style and flow of language took a little getting used to as first, but once the reader is acquainted with his writing style, the book literally sucks your mind in. I could not put it down. Selzer is honest and very frank about the practice of surgery. His book exemplifies the pride, the sensitivity, and the directness of surgeons. Here, surgeons are human beings, not merely fixing machines. I will always view surgeons in a different light after reading this book.

Kurzbeschreibung A timeless collection of advice, operating-room wisdom, and reflections on the practice of medicine, from the best of the writing surgeons (Chicago Tribune). Richard Selzer does for medicine what Jacques Cousteau does for the sea, raved The New York Times of this extraordinary collection. He transports the reader to a world that most of us never see, a world that is vivid and powerful, often overwhelming, occasionally fantastic. In this collection of highly candid, insightful, and unexpectedly humorous essays, the erstwhile surgeon turned Yale School of Medicine professor addresses both the brutality and the beauty of a profession in which saving and losing lives is all in a days work. A number of these pieces take the form of letters offering counsel to aspiring physicians. Featuring wry and witty observations on matters of life and death, medical ethics, and the awesome responsibilities of being a surgeon, *Letters to a Young Doctor* should be required reading for all medical students and anyone interested in the endless miracle that is the human body. "No one writes about the practice of medicine with Selzer's unique combination of mystery and wonder, observed the Los Angeles Times, while The New York Times praised Selzer's marvelous insight and potent imagery for making his tales of surgery and medicine both works of art and splendid tools of instruction.