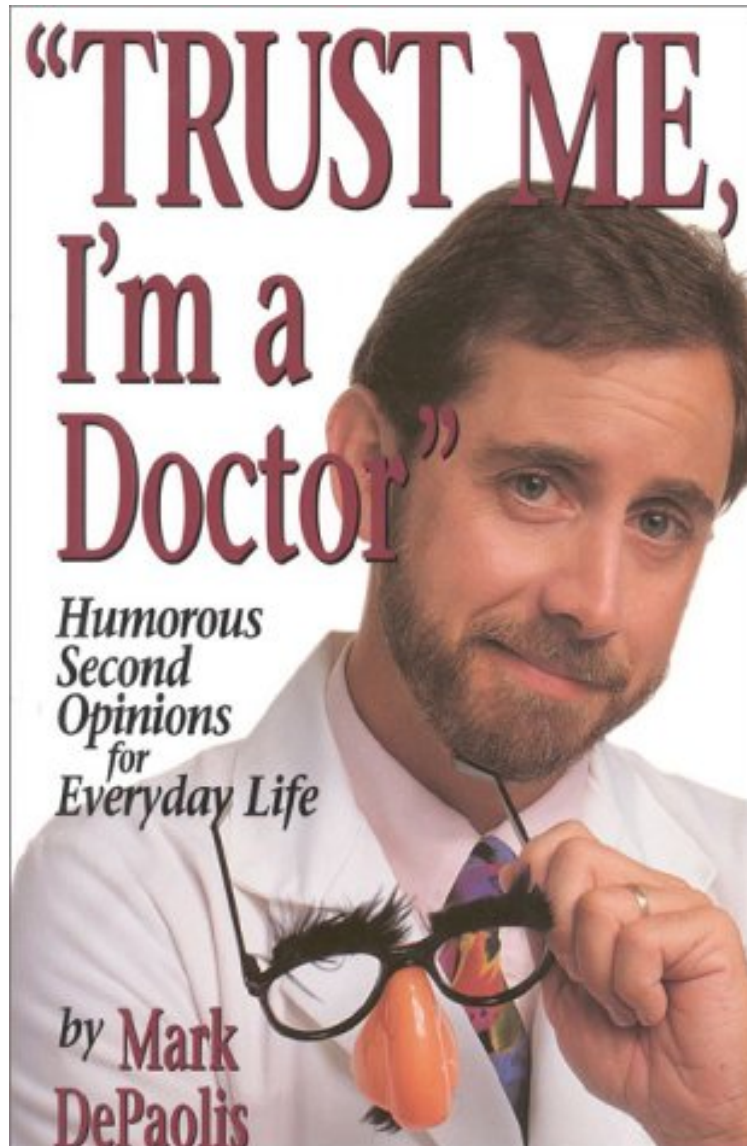


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saying things like "I forgot what cranial nerve it is..." I think most people would look it up if they were writing a book...it's not very funny. However, it *does* make some good points--doctors ARE fallible. They DON'T know everything. I guess this book is good for the general public, but to someone "practicing" medicine...or learning it, or remotely involved in it...it's pretty annoying.

A refreshing breeze to blow through the field of medicine. --Booklist

From BooklistDePaolis collects some installments of his column in the Minneapolis Star Tribune. Unusually for a physician, he has a sense of humor (IUDs, he observes, produce the same effect in the uterus as a road construction crew on an interstate). Also, he can visualize the effects of medical practices and attitudes on society, and he can write. He is at his best puncturing fads and breaking through the PR facades of drug companies. He ridicules cellulite, Levamisole (a drug that is cheap if you are giving it to your sheep but 100 times more expensive for your own cancer), and late-night TV reports on baldness. He makes tobacco company smoke, mirrors, and hypocrisy apparent. Of TV news doctors, he says, "Calling these people `Doctor' is like calling Gerald Ford `President'--although technically correct, it is really more of a polite gesture." If you're pining for a refreshing breeze to blow through the field of medicine, latch onto this paperback. William Beatty