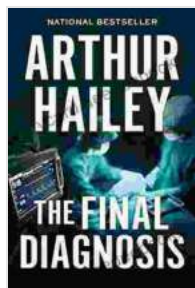


The Final Diagnosis: Arthur Hailey's Riveting Medical Thriller



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A Gripping Tale of Medicine and Human Frailty

Written by the renowned author Arthur Hailey, *The Final Diagnosis* is a captivating medical thriller that takes readers inside the complex and often unforgiving world of hospital medicine. The novel delves into the lives of doctors, nurses, and administrators as they navigate the challenges of treating patients, maintaining professional ethics, and dealing with the complexities of human relationships.

Meet the Characters

Dr. David Coleman: A brilliant surgeon driven by personal ambition and a quest for excellence.

Dr. Catherine Gailey: A compassionate and dedicated physician's assistant who faces prejudice and gender biases.

Dr. Michael Tarragon: A respected neurologist who battles alcoholism and self-doubt.

Dr. Amos Abbott: The elderly and wise chief of staff who faces difficult decisions at the end of his career.

Plot Summary

The Final Diagnosis follows the characters as they navigate the daily dramas of the hospital, from life-saving surgeries to ethical dilemmas. Dr. Coleman's relentless pursuit of surgical precision puts patients at risk, while Dr. Gailey faces discrimination as a woman in a male-dominated field. Dr. Tarragon struggles with his addiction and its impact on his professional life. Meanwhile, Dr. Abbott grapples with the morality of euthanasia and the decline of his physical and mental abilities.

As tensions rise within the hospital, a series of mysterious deaths occur, putting the doctors and administrators on high alert. Suspicion and paranoia spread as they race to uncover the truth behind the unexplained events. The investigation leads them down a path filled with deception, betrayal, and the ultimate question of life and death.

Themes Explored

The Final Diagnosis delves into a multitude of themes that resonate with readers of all backgrounds:

Medical Ethics: The novel raises questions about the boundaries of medical intervention, the patient's right to informed consent, and the ethical implications of euthanasia.

Professional Ambitions: The characters grapple with the sacrifices they make to achieve success, the impact of ambition on their personal lives, and the pressures of working in a highly competitive environment.

Human Frailty: The Final Diagnosis exposes the vulnerability and flaws of human nature, highlighting the struggles with addiction, prejudice, and the consequences of personal mistakes.

Critical Acclaim

Since its publication in 1992, *The Final Diagnosis* has received widespread critical acclaim:

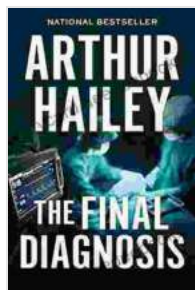
"Hailey's best since Hotel. An exciting, moving, and thought-provoking story."—Washington Post Book World

"A riveting medical thriller...a fascinating exploration of the human side of medicine."—The New York Times Book Review

"A tour de force of the medical thriller genre."—Publishers Weekly

The Final Diagnosis is a masterpiece of medical fiction that transports readers into the gripping world of hospital medicine. Through compelling characters, intricate plotlines, and thought-provoking themes, Hailey weaves a captivating tale that examines the complexities of human nature, the challenges of medical ethics, and the relentless pursuit of success. This

gripping novel is a must-read for fans of medical thrillers, literary fiction, and anyone interested in the human condition.



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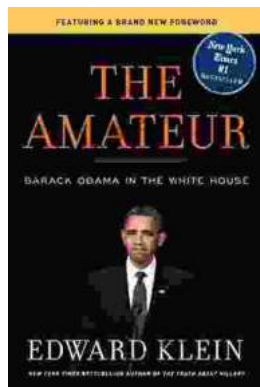
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