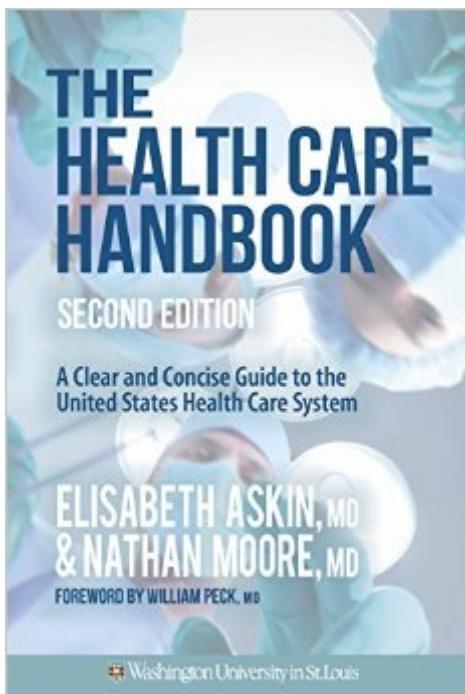


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Regardless of political philosophy, EVERYONE agrees that the US healthcare system is outrageously complicated. This book serves as an amazing reference material that easily and understandably breaks down the current state of affairs. Drs Askin and Moore do an excellent job helping you understand the "what, how, and why" of American healthcare.

I had this recommended to me by an MD, and have really enjoyed reading it. I really appreciate the brevity of it all, and the no-nonsense, simplistic explanations of concepts. A highly recommended read for uncertain medical students and anyone who wants (needs) more knowledge of healthcare systems!

As a recent graduate receiving my Masters in Public Health in Health Policy and Management, I can say that this book covers most of the basics that I learned while in grad school. It lays a really nice foundation of several different aspects of healthcare. I highly recommend reading this book.

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Definitely recommend this book. I think it does a good job of breaking things down into a digestible format for a wide range of readers. I'd recommend this to people interested in going into medicine.

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