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Great read, heartbreaking subject matter.				
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#### Lauretta says

#### This book should have the title of crazy medicine.

This was a very good and well written novel. I do believe that Dr. Taylor didn't give the baby a chance. I've been to many neonatal births. You have to give the baby a chance. If it's having problems breathing you assist with the breathing. You don't smother the baby. That's criminal.

The second story was unbelievable. I think the psychiatric resident pretended he had mental problems. With the behavior he exhibited it was all an act. Overall it was a very good book.

#### **Angie Horn says**

#### Good book!

I think the Doctors were guilty. Both of them. I was disappointed especially that this Dr Rowan wasn't found guilty especially after he cleaned up after the crime. He also went outside to get the murder weapons. All in all GOOD book!

#### **▼** Marlene **▼** says

I am not going to rate this book because I did not read it as I normally do, meaning reading ever word. I do not know the English word for it,(probably because I hardly do it, but I breezed through this book,still not the right words. Let me try again, I read what happened to the baby and that was so hard to read. Then I read about the killing and after that by accident I discovered by accident the outcome so because of that I just skimmed a bit, is that the right word? through the rest of the book.

It pissed me off to learn what was the outcome of the case against the one doctor who pleaded insanity and to find out what happened to him

### **Ronnie Cramer says**

This book deals with the ER death of a three day old baby, and with the subsequent whitewash, cover-up, and political posturing. When the press and police finally confront the (popular) doctor in charge, the community circles the wagons around him. Meanwhile, another doctor (and future prosecution witness) who had also been present at the death, goes nuts and kills his wife. The ultimate resolution is unsatisfying through no fault of the author. Bizarre and unpleasant but definitely thought-provoking.