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A patient's personal view of long term care.

Seen through the eyes of a patient totally paralyzed with Guillain-Barré syndrome, this moving book takes you through the psychological and physical pain of an eleven month hospital stay. BED NUMBER TEN reads like a compelling novel, but is entirely factual.

You will meet:

The ICU staff who learned to communicate with the paralyzed woman - and those who did not bother.

The physicians whose visits left her baffled about her own case.

The staff and physicians who spoke to her and others who did not recognize her presence.

The nurse who tucked Sue tightly under the covers, unaware that she was soaking with perspiration.

The nurse who took the time to feed her drop by drop, as she slowly learned how to swallow again.

The physical therapist who could read her eyes and spurred her on to move again as if the battle were his own.

In these pages, which reveal the caring, the heroism, and the insensitivity sometimes found in the health care fields, you may even meet people you know.

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Nicole says

This book was haunting. I cried so much. When my nursing fundamentals instructor read this, she told our class that it should be required reading for every student nurse. She was so right! The pain and indignity Sue faced with awful nursing care contrasted with the happiness and relief of proper nursing care was so palpable. This book is out of print now; I'm lucky one of my classmates is passing it around our class.

Abbí says

Eye-opening. A must-read for healthcare professionals!

Erin says

I could not imagine going through what Mrs. Baier went through and I wonder how she is doing now, 32 years later. I think that this book will make me a better nurse as I begin my new career. I am hopeful that the profession as a whole has improved since that time and that our caring will continue to improve for our patients and their families.

Sharon says

A good and insightful book about what it's like to be a patient in the ICU. As a nursing student, it was a helpful tool for me to become more sensitive to the reality of being in such an environment.

A good read, but I felt that it dragged on for too long and that some things felt very redundant.

Liz Whittaker says

This should be required reading for any person even thinking about going into the healthcare profession. The story line is that of a woman who contracts Guillian Barre' Syndrome. If you are unfamiliar with this dreaded virus I will give you a few details. It strikes randomly, it leaves its victim paralysed but with the ability to feel pain, and it takes from one to two years to get over the symptoms. "Bed Number Ten" tells of the journey of one woman who battles the virus and the staff meant to help her. Sue Baier now sits on the board of the GBS Foundation.

Chetola Greer says

This book is about a woman named Sue Baier who is diagnosed with Guillian Barre. Bed number 10 became her home in ICU at the hospital for many months. She had a long road to recovery with many complications. With help from the doctors and nurses Sue began to regain her life once again. One day Sue Baier was able to return home and do almost all of the activities that she once did. Overall I thought this was a great book. I would recommend this as a book to read. There is never a dull moment it is a very entertaining book.

Sierra Adams says

This book is about a woman named Sue Baiser(also the author) who was at home one day and started getting symptoms of a disease called guillain-barre. This disease slowly paralyzes a person from neck down. Very few recover from it. Sue has 2 kids and a husband. This book goes through how each of these people react to her getting this disease and also her feeling. At the beginning of the book she just starts to get a burning sensation in her mouth and feet and always being thirsty. By the end of the book she is fully paralyzed from the neck down and can only open and close her eye lids. And by the end of the book she gets better and gets to go back home. The doctors said she wouldn't ever get better after seeing many specialists. In most of the book she spends her time in hospital bed number 10. As she leaves she wished the next person luck who will stay in bed number 10.

Linda says

I read this book many years ago and it was one of the best books I have ever read. It showed me what to look for if someone I love is ever in a coma. The woman talked about how awful some of the nurses would treat her, bad things that they would say and how ungentle they would treat her believing she could not feel anything. She felt pain, heard things going on around her. It was awful what she went through by some of the aides and nurses, but some were very caring and gentle to her. It is a great story and will make you think twice about whether or not a person knows anything or feels anything if they are in a coma.. I think "everyone" should read this book, especially if they have a loved one that could possibly end up in a coma due to an illness like the one this woman had Guillian-Barr. I really enjoyed reading this book. It made me cry at times and at other times I wanted to punch some of the people that were so mean and cruel. Even though it has been a very long time since I read this I will never forget it. It is a great read from beginning to end.

Emily says

Interesting story, but this woman sure did complain a lot as well. If all you can think about when you come home from being in the hospital for months and making a remarkable recovery from a devastating disease is how your African violets are growing crooked, you need to re-evaluate your values!

Karen says

This book is inspiring to see how she works hard to come back. To be trapped in your body, to hear, and see and not be able to function is so scary. This is a real syndrome that happens to real people. I as a nurse am

ashamed of the caregivers she encountered. The book is written well and it will tug at your heart as she shares her struggles. Guillain-Barre' syndrome happens. I have to say Thank You for sharing this recovery. I highly recommend this to all healthcare personnel.

Dorothy Jarosz says

as a nurse it hurt me to see how this poor women was treated by hospital staff. should be required reading for nursing students

Lisa says

Having had Guillian-Barre Syndrome, this book was absolutely amazing. Although my recovery was much faster than Susan's, I was able to relate to a lot of the fears, hurdles and victories described in this book! It also made me feel extremely lucky to (a) have had the fabulous care I had from compassionate nurses and doctors, (b) have received awesome drugs and was knocked out for most of the time I was on the ventilator, and (c) have gotten this hideous disease in 2009 and not 1980! If not for the care I received, I could have been in the hospital for 11 months like Sue instead of the 9 weeks I was in there. I always felt lucky about my situation after speaking with others who have had this, but I feel especially lucky after reading this book! I know what I went through and can't imagine having the same experience as the author. God bless you Susan Baier!

bookczuk says

This is one of those books you hear about as a nurse. It does not paint a pretty picture of health care. It's very tempting to refer to patients by diagnoses or conditions, but if you are in health care, and there to be of service, it is important for you and for your patient to keep humanity at the forefront. My heart did go out to the author. But not all health care providers are insensitive boobs; some of us do care and struggle to keep the human touch and recognition alive. I came away more miffed that some people reading this would think this is "typical" for health care/ICUs- the norm, not the exception. (This is the story of a woman with Gillian-Barre, and her time in an ICU.)

David L. says

I read (heard) this book in 1987 when it came out on cassette, having been produced by www.loc.gov/nls. It went up on the BARD website recently, so I downloaded it. I visited an old friend. I found it a bit hard going because of the medical care Baier received, so uneven. I wanted to shake her husband, Bill, who while very devoted, seemed in the beginning to be in over his head. He didn't want to make waves. You don't do that. Don't bother the doctor and don't make waves. But then I reminded myself that was in the very early 1980s, not 2017. I cannot imagine how this author dealt with such an exhausting disease. Bill seemed to be always there trying to help her. She had supportive church friends, too. Some hospital staff were great, others, not always; and others, useless!

But what I most wonder about now, not when I first read it, is how it got published and how the author is doing now. She must surely be nearing her 80th year. I just wonder what the backstory is. I do suspect that Bill's notebook helped her recreate her medical experiences. I wonder how her two daughters are doing now and if the family still lives in Houston. I wonder if she wrote anything else.

I once knew a lady who had Guillain-Barre syndrome in about 2003 or so. Hers was not so severe. She had returned from a trip to Europe. Baier mentions having traveled several times to Europe. I wonder if she caught something that later expressed as Guillain-Barré syndrome.

Dave says

A decent book, it's no "Ghost Boy", and it's a little mired in the 80's- But still a quick easy read.
