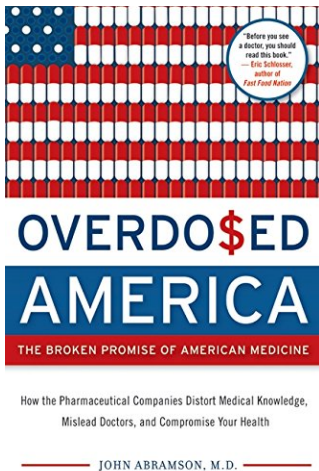


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Description:

From Publishers Weekly According to Abramson, Americans are overmedicated and overmedicalized as a result of the commercialization of health care. Falling prey to marketing campaigns, we demand unnecessary and expensive drugs and procedures, believing they constitute the best possible medical care. Wrong, says Abramson: though more post-heart attack procedures are performed in the U.S. than in Canada, one-year survival rates are the same. Similarly, notes Abramson, a former family practitioner who teaches at Harvard Medical School, we spend more on high-tech neonatology than other Western countries but have a higher infant-mortality rate because of inattention to low-tech prenatal care. Abramson deconstructs the scientific sleight of hand in presenting clinical trial results that leads to the routine prescription

of pricey cholesterol-lowering drugs even when their effectiveness has not been proven; he examines what he calls "supply-sensitive medical services"—the near-automatic use of medical technologies, such as cardiac catheterization, less because they are needed than because they are available. Abramson's bottom line: "More care doesn't necessarily mean better care." Arguing firmly that doctors should focus more on lifestyle changes to improve health, Abramson seems less credible when he writes off depression as "exercise-deficiency disease" and disposes of cancer in little more than a page. Still, he makes a powerful and coherent case that American medicine has gone badly astray and needs a new paradigm—one untainted by profits.

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INTRODUCTION. For more than 20 years I practiced family medicine in a small town about 45 minutes north of Boston. During those years I often marveled at how lucky I was to have found my calling, balancing the science of medicine with the art of caring for people. Over the past 28 years as a physician I have had the privilege of observing the transformation of American medicine from a number of vantage points. My first experience as a primary care doctor was in Appalachia, with the National Health Service Corps (then a part of the U.S. Public Health Service). The commercialization of American medicine -- American medicine's perfect storm: a brief history -- The commercial takeover of medical knowledge -- The snake and the staff: duping the doctors -- A smoking gun: the 2001 cholesterol guidelines -- Direct-to-consumer: advertising, public relations, and the medical news -- Follow the money: supply-side medical care. -- Taking back our health -- The knee in room 8: beyond the limits of biomedicine -- From osteoporosis to heart disease: what the research really shows about staying healthy -- Healing our ailing health care system, or how to save \$500

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