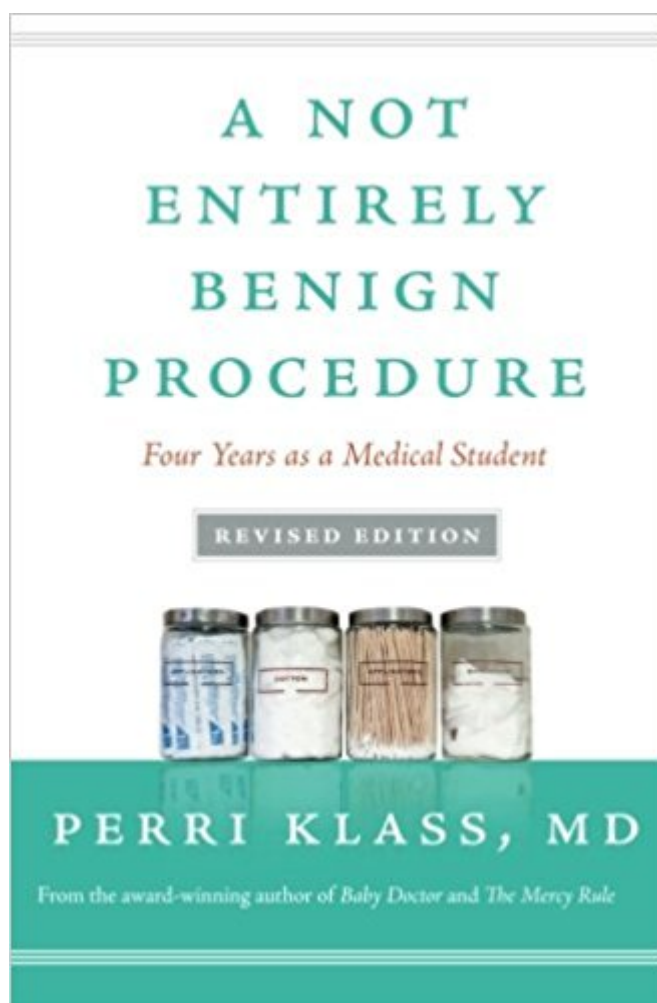


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# A Not Entirely Benign Procedure, Revised Edition: Four Years As A Medical Student



## Synopsis

Acclaimed pediatrician, journalist, and novelist Perri Klass offers a provocative look at the ups and downs of medical school - from those first exams to the day she became a doctor. In a direct, candid style, Klass shares what it is like to be a first-time mother while attending med school; the unique lingo of the med student; how to deal with every bodily fluid imaginable; and the humor and heartbreak of working with patients. With this collection of essays, Klass established herself as a go-to voice for a generation of med students and doctors, with her frank and witty perspective. Klass also brings a proven ability to make the medical world accessible to the lay reader, through her extensive literary and journalistic experience. This edition is updated for a new generation of doctors and readers, with a brand-new foreword and annotated by Klass.

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## Customer Reviews

Perri Klass, MD, is Professor of Journalism and Pediatrics at New York University. She attended Harvard Medical School and completed her residency in pediatrics at Children's Hospital, Boston, and her fellowship in pediatric infectious diseases at Boston City Hospital.

I bought this to know more about the routine of medical students/doctors since I'm thinking about going to med school, and this book really helped! Although it was written in the 80's, it is very entertaining and indeed it helped me to get a clear picture from the medical world. Would recommend to everyone who is interested on the subject and who wants a real idea of what

medicine is (I reckon it is a little different from House and Grey's Anatomy!)

Klass is a brilliant woman and writer, I purchased the book because my teacher asked us to read it, now I am totally fascinated. She depicts her life as a medical student so vividly. If you are considering going to a medical school, you'll definitely learn a lot from the book.

This book didn't blow me away, but it was still pretty entertaining.

When I was a kid, my father used to subscribe to Discover magazine, and I loved to read Perri Klass's column, Vital Signs. She described medicine so vividly that I started to imagine what it would be like to be a doctor myself. Now I am one, and I love to read and re-read her words, they are like comfort food. She is hilarious wise, realistic and insightful, sometimes all in one paragraph. "I still remember, for example, the first patient who ever took a really strong dislike to me. I was a medical student and he was a grouchy older gentleman who wasn't particularly pleased to have me walk in and introduce myself. He quizzed me for a few minutes to see whether I was properly acquainted with the sixteen-year saga of his ailments, decided I was insufficiently prepared to care for him, announced that he didn't want "any more goddamn interfering lady doctors," and ordered me to get lost. When I left the room, I was crushed. It had never occurred to me that I would be rejected by a patient." I recommend her to my students, I send her books as gifts to my doctor friends. Perri Klass is a treasure. Enjoy!

I read this book when I was a medical student and it was formative for me. I was so excited to see a revised edition out. I highly recommend it to all incoming medical students.

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