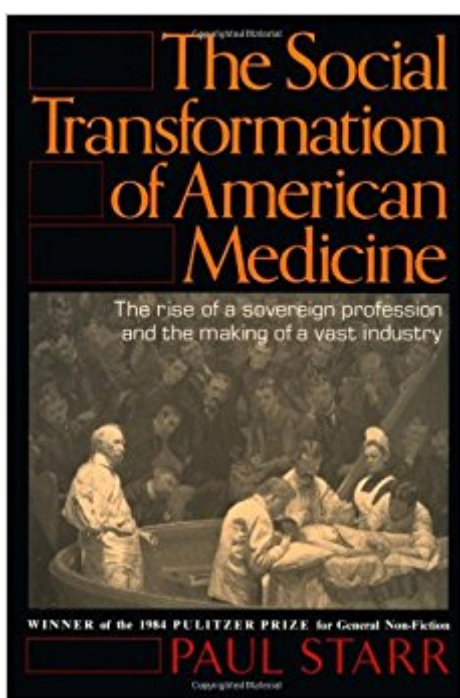


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# The Social Transformation Of American Medicine: The Rise Of A Sovereign Profession And The Making Of A Vast Industry



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Winner of the 1983 Pulitzer Prize and the Bancroft Prize in American History, this is a landmark history of how the entire American health care system of doctors, hospitals, health plans, and government programs has evolved over the last two centuries."The definitive social history of the medical profession in America....A monumental achievement."&#151;H. Jack Geiger, M.D., New York Times Book Review

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This book is dated, but it offers an excellent window into the development of the American medical system up to the time it was written. There has been and continues to be evolution within the medical delivery system, and the information offered in this book provides a historical foundation on which to view the rapid changes that are taking place today.

This is one of those historical books that anyone in medicine should be aware of and read if they are at all interested in the "why" of the way we practice medicine in the United States and why

physicians are in-charge.

Some detail gets a little redundant, but the insights into medical practice in America as it came into the scientific age is very good.

Written before Obama Care came into being. I'd like to a book like this in 20 years or so to see if we have progressed or regressed in the pursuit of quality affordable-care for all.

If you are at all interested in how the practice (and administration) of American medicine has reached its present state, this book is a must-read. It takes what could be a very dry subject and makes it easily digestible.

Wonderful scholarship. Beautifully written. Depicts an insight of America's medical history since 1982. Would love to read a 2015 edition as much water has gone under this bridge since Affordable Care.

if you want to learn why we are in such deep trouble with health care in America, read this book.

This outstanding history of the system, or lack of it, of health care delivery in the USA is exceptionally relevant now, 2009, during the health care debates. It's a long, detailed book, but it's objective and well-referenced. Although this reflects history up to 1980, many of the forces set in motion during the period covered continue to this day. Some details are fascinating, e.g., the author believed that the best opportunity for national health care came in 1974, in motions proposed by Ted Kennedy but likely to be credited to Nixon who was then enduring the revelations of Watergate. That scandal and the opprobrium then attached to Nixon probably can be blamed for the death of that attempt.

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