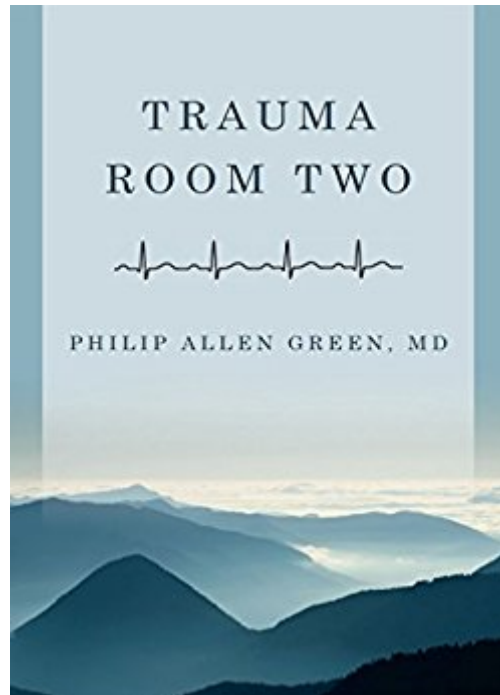




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# Trauma Room Two



## Synopsis

In every hospital emergency department there is a room reserved for trauma. It is a place where life and death meet. A place where some families celebrate the most improbable of victories while others face the most devastating of losses. A place where what matters the most in this life is revealed. Trauma Room Two is just such a place. In this collection of short stories, Dr. Green takes the reader inside the hidden emotional landscape of emergency medicine. Based on fifteen years of experience as an ER physician, he reveals the profound moments that often occur in emergency rooms for patients, their families, and the staff that work there.

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## Customer Reviews

Well, I don't quite know what to say about this book. Writing is excellent, however, it is a narration as opposed to a dialogued story. Very little action except through one person's eyes. I did enjoy it but not quite what I am used to. I am used to books wherein there is interaction between people, this book had little to none. It was one man's thoughts and one man's impressions, not what really I was expecting. The author claims this is a work of fiction. Was it, or did he simply wish to avoid a

lawsuit? I don't know. It certainly holds one's interest, I have to say that, but I don't think I would purchase again due to the lack of action and interaction between patients, doctors, paramedics and other health care workers. It was sort of like the author was "daydreaming". But it is particularly lyrical and well written.

Trauma Room Two was interesting but heavy and somewhat depressing as though the author was very burned out. I understand how that can be, but it decreased my enjoyment of the book. I have read many medical biographies and find the ones I especially like have some humor as well as despair. The last chapter/story was written from a patient perspective and stayed with me for a long time after I finished reading.

It seems as though the doctors who write these books are the dream doctors. The caring doctors that I wish I could find. Doctor Green has a talent for writing and describes some of his most memorable cases with compassion and sympathy. It isn't exactly said, but it comes through pretty loud and clear that an emergency room doctor might be missed at home a little too much. The only problem with this book is that it is shorter than the average book and it seems as though a doctor who has been practicing as long as he has would have more experiences to share. Still, definitely fascinating and often heart breaking.

It is difficult to write an accurate review of this book. It started out as an interesting description of the activity in the ER, and slowly morphed into a description of the doctor's emotional load of dealing with injured people. Rather than an exciting story of an ER at full response, it became clear at the end that his writing was a catharsis for his suppressed emotions. Less and less interesting as the pages turn.

I was impressed by the beautiful writing ability of this author and his perspective as physician and very real human doctor. As a nurse, I appreciated the stress and rather difficult circumstances of being a trauma doctor in a small hospital that did not have the resources or staff that larger facilities enjoy. As a reader, I felt truly drawn into his anguish, his compassion for his patients, the reminders of many of those he treated and too often came back to haunt him. Well done, Dr. Green! Give us more of your wonderful writing!

Excellent, well written and very realistic, not a book for the squeamish. Having worked in medical

transcription for almost 50 years, I have transcribed reports of virtually every medical scenario from earache to self-inflicted gunshot to heart and brain surgery, but those are merely technical, sterile words in a medical document. This book reveals what medical documents do not, i.e., the thoughts and emotions of the author as he encountered the hurting, broken, dying, and at times even humorous humanity in his years as an emergency medicine physician.

This collection of stories from a small-town, rural Wyoming ER doctor's perspective was very well-written and thought-provoking. The book made the reader understand what the doctor in an often busy ER and trauma unit in a hospital goes through and thinks about with each patient. I wish the book were longer and contained more stories. What I think definitely is missing is a chapter or two about the doctor's personal family life and why he moved his family from the big city to a rural area of Wyoming. He only alluded to the move a few times and about how much he loved his children and how each ER practitioner hoped his or her own children weren't the newest patients being brought through the ER doors with each new case. What struggles does he face at home trying to be a dedicated doctor and a good husband and father? Is he a good husband and father? Does he spend any more time with them now than when they lived in the big city? Is he less stressed in his current position? I think he could have developed this angle more and given the reader a better perspective on the life of this particular ER doctor.

I was so ready to not like this book. I really was. What was it, 99 cents? So I figured what the hell. But it was good. Really good. And that means a lot coming from me, an emergency room/psychiatric nurse and self-proclaimed book snob. The last story played like a movie behind my eyes while I read. My only complaint is that it was far too short.

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