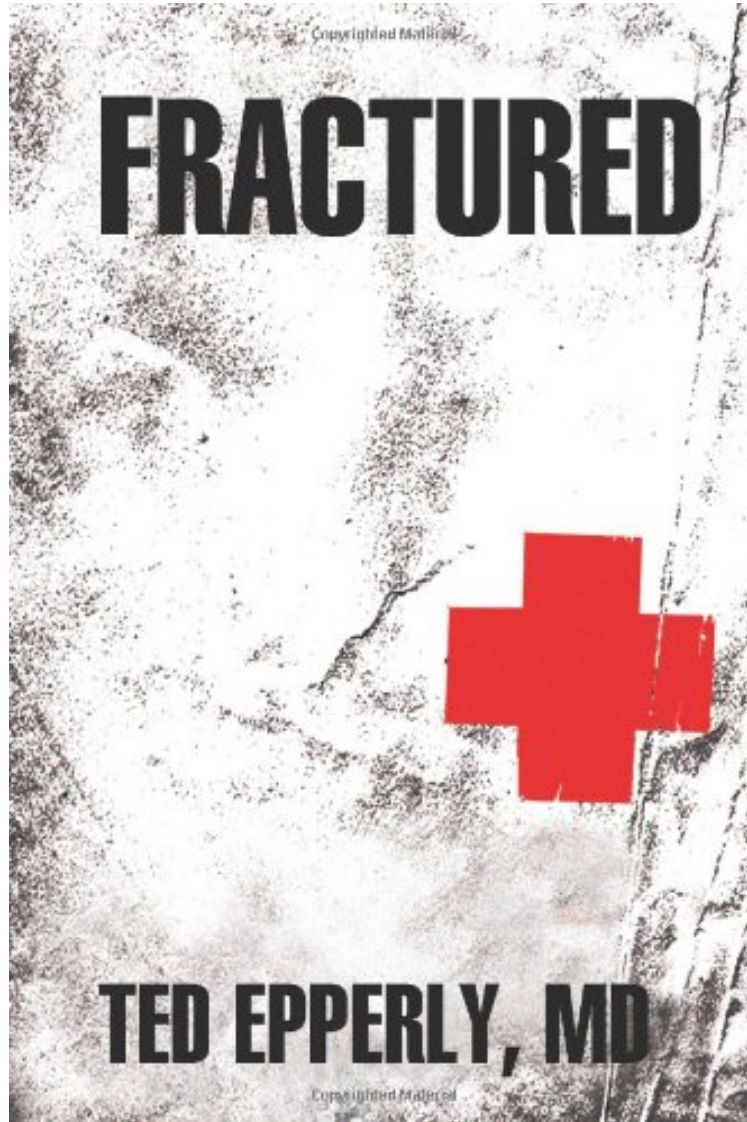


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Outstanding and Timely Book on Health Care Reform By Anthony Lim "Fractured" is an invaluable addition to the health care literature at a critical point in our nation's history of health

care reform and an absolute must-read. In the book, Epperly, drawing upon over thirty years of experience as a family physician and physician leader, concisely outlines the fundamental problems with our current health care system in three key areas: (1) how we view health, (2) how we deliver health care, and (3) how we pay for health care. He provides an overview of the history of health care reform in our country, compares our health system with those of other countries, and offers a detailed insider's view of the six major pillars of the Affordable Care Act passed in 2010, explaining in basic terms the landmark piece of legislation and sorting out fact from fiction. He concludes the book with concrete suggestions regarding where our country should go from here in terms of healing our "fractured" health care system. Overall, the book is written in a very clear manner, providing many analogies, real-life scenarios, and diagrams that elucidate a complex subject. Epperly presents a compelling case for the importance of primary care to fixing our nation's health care system, provides keen insight into the past, present, and future of health care reform, and engages the reader from the very beginning to the end of the book. I highly recommend this book to others!!!4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. ClearBy Karen and Joel HughesDo you wonder why the US Health Care system is difficult to understand? Do you wonder why solutions to repairing the system are so hard to find? Do you wonder why our system is so costly? Dr. Epperly has clearly outlined our complex health care system in his book "Fractured". I was greatly relieved and illuminated to read a book that is comprehensive, addresses key issues and offers solutions to our future. The costs of our health care system are growing exponentially while key health indicators are declining. A significant portion of our community members struggle without access to health care. This book offers a reference guide on how we can begin working toward improved health, both for the communities we live in and for each individual, while reducing our overall cost. As a consultant in the health care industry for 20 years I feel this book is a resource for the industry, is easy to read for the general public and is a map toward a new future of health care in our country. At the rate costs are rising we can't afford not to read this book. Thanks Dr.

Epperly.Reviewed by Joel Hughes, Community Link Consulting (on our family account)3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Getting a Handle on a Complicated IssueBy C. PerolmanDr. Epperly's review, discussion and recommended solutions to our complicated, uncontrolled, and dysfunctional health care system is truly a breath of fresh air. His matter-of-fact, make-sense approach and analysis allows those not directly involved in the system to understand and appreciate the complexity of the issues and why a simple "fix" is not possible. His attempt to stay apolitical is noble but it is clear that the forces that have led us to the point of "falling off the cliff" remain, in Congress and in the Industries that take advantage of our economic system and our constitutional freedoms. The numbers and figures Dr. Epperly cites don't lie. Our needs are great and more highly expensive MRI's and drugs peddled by the pharmaceutical companies are simply not the answer. However, Dr. Epperly points out clearly that our failing health care system is really just a symptom of a ill society that got lost in the past several decades, focusing on individual accomplishment and success rather than recognizing that the cure rests in a culture change that requires cooperation over competition and caring for the whole over the individual. It is tough to legislate culture change as the elements to keep the status quo remain strong. Dr. Epperly's treatise on the need for more family doctors and nurses, a focus on front-end involvement rather than paying the high price of fixing the illness, and his courageous conclusion that health care is a fundamental right, makes him a valued leader in America's fight for health independence and his book a blueprint for the future.

In America, we spend over 2.6 trillion dollars on health care each year, yet we rank 37th in the world for health care outcomes. Even more shocking, 50 million Americans don't have any sort of health insurance and another 80 million are underinsured. These harrowing statistics reflect that, as a nation, we focus more on disease and sickness than on wellness and health, creating a society where many are living sick and dying young. The reality is clear: we suffer from a dysfunctional, have versus have-not health care system where medical miracles are performed for some, while access to care is denied to others. In *Fractured*, Dr. Epperly draws on his decades of experience as a family physician to identify the system's gaps and disparities and propose a compelling strategy to mend them, with the goal of creating an integrated, accessible, patient-centered approach to health and medicine. The following questions will be tackled: What's wrong with the way we currently view, deliver, and pay for health care in America? What is our history of health care reform? How does our system compare to other nations? What can we do to fix health care now?

We Americans sense that our health care system is ailing. It has become too expensive and too uneven in its outcomes. This book explains why. Over the past three decades, I have looked at health care in more than 50 countries. What took me a professional lifetime to understand, I could have learned by reading this book. --Richard G. Roberts, MD, JD, FAAFP, FCLM, FRACGP (Hon), FRCGP (Hon), President, World Organization of Family Doctors and Professor at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine Public HealthFractured captures and deftly explains the conundrum we are in as a nation because we fail to develop a health care delivery system built on a foundation of robust primary care and prevention. A must-read on the timely topic of health care that grips you with every page and leaves you with hope. --Paul Grundy, MD, MPH, Global Director of Healthcare Transformation for IBM and President of Patient-Centered Primary Care CollaborativeA riveting read and a wakeup call for anyone who does not understand the

importance of investing in primary care as the answer to preventing illness, injury, and out-of-control costs for health care. --Calvin Gutkin, MD, CCFP, FCFP, Executive Director and CEO of The College of Family Physicians of Canada

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