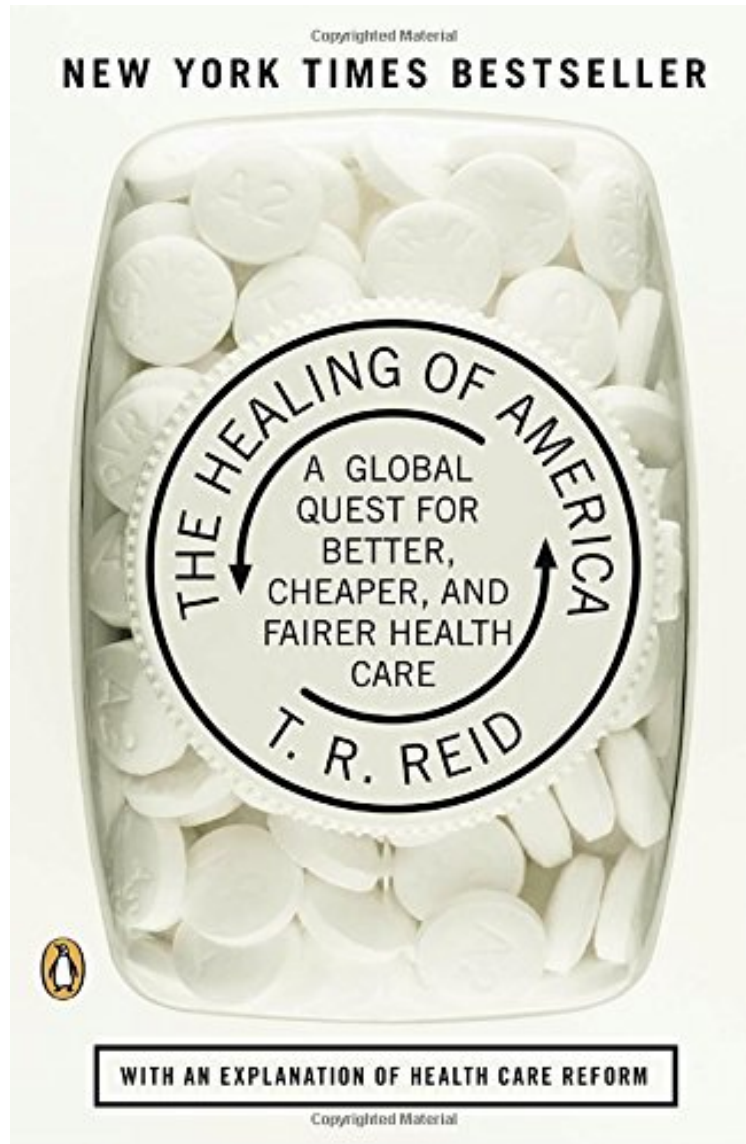


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By AG BagdasarianThis is a fantastic read - even if you have the faintest interest in healthcare, you'll find this book extremely well written and interesting. Simply put, the author takes his real life shoulder ailment and shops different healthcare systems around the world exposing the good and bad about treatment options and policies. He covers all the major healthcare systems in the world and tells the story about the Taiwanese and Swiss systems and how best practices in those most "capitalist" of healthcare systems could be applied in America. Also surprised to learn that the current system of employer funded healthcare was developed in 19th century Germany under Bismarck. You're left with hope that reform is possible and is already underway in the US through the Affordable Care Act - but you're also left wondering how health insurance companies got away with some of their most inhumane practices for so long (30% of legitimate medical claims are routine rejected, the in-network/out of-network limitations, and lack of coverage for pre-existing conditions until now) The only drawback is that because the book was written as the Affordable Care Act was just being passed, it doesn't offer much in the way of ACA impact and the early successes/failures of the plan so far, but again, it's just the timing of the book. Great book overall

A New York Times Bestseller, with an updated explanation of the 2010 Health Reform Bill Bringing to bear his talent for explaining complex issues in a clear, engaging way, New York Times bestselling author T. R. Reid visits industrialized democracies around the world--France, Britain, Germany, Japan, and beyond--to provide a revelatory tour of successful, affordable universal health care systems. Now updated with new statistics and a plain-English explanation of the 2010 health care reform bill, *The Healing of America* is required reading for all those hoping to understand the state of health care in our country, and around the world. T. R. Reid's newest book, *A Fine Mess*, is forthcoming from Penguin Press.

From Publishers Weekly
Washington Post correspondent Reid (*The United States of Europe*) explores health-care systems around the world in an effort to understand why the U.S. remains the only first world nation to refuse its citizens universal health care. Neither financial prudence nor concern for the commonweal explains the American position, according to Reid, whose findings divulge that the U.S. not only spends more money on health care than any other nation but also leaves 45 million residents uninsured, allowing about 22,000 to die from easily treatable diseases. Seeking treatment for the flareup of an old shoulder injury, he visits doctors in the U.S., France, Germany, Japan and England--with a stint in an Ayurvedic clinic in India--in a quest for treatment that dovetails with his search for a cure for America's health-care crisis, a narrative device that sometimes feels contrived, but allows him valuable firsthand experience. For all the scope of his research and his ability to mint neat rebuttals to the common American misconception that universal health care is socialized medicine, Reid neglects to address the elephant in the room: just how are we to sell these changes to the mighty providers and insurers? (Sept.) Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "Important and powerful... a rich tour of health care around the world."--Nicholas Kristof, *The New York Times* "You don't necessarily realize it while you're reading, but you're talking Comparative Health Economics 101. With a really fun professor."--Daily Kos "Not many writers of any ilk... can match T.R. Reid's ability to bring a light, witty touch to really serious topics--like health policy around the globe."--New America Foundation
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