

Kidney for Sale: The Culture and Politics of Health Care Work



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In *Kidney for Sale: The Culture and Politics of Health Care Work*, sociologist Emily W. Martin tells the story of the everyday lives of health care workers in the United States. Martin spent two years working alongside nurses, doctors, and other health care workers in a large teaching hospital, and she draws on her experiences to provide a rich and nuanced account of the challenges and rewards of health care work.

Martin argues that health care work is a unique and complex form of labor. Health care workers are not simply technicians who perform tasks; they are also emotional laborers who must manage their own emotions and the emotions of their patients and their families. They are also constantly faced with ethical dilemmas, as they must make decisions about life and death on a daily basis.

The culture of health care work is shaped by a number of factors, including the power dynamics between doctors and nurses, the hierarchical nature of hospitals, and the increasing emphasis on efficiency and productivity. Martin argues that these factors can create a culture of silence and fear, in which health care workers are afraid to speak up about problems or to question the status quo.

Martin also examines the ways in which the politics of health care affect the work of health care workers. She argues that the commodification of health care has led to a decline in the quality of care and an increase in the workload of health care workers. She also shows how the political climate has made it more difficult for health care workers to organize and fight for their rights.

Kidney for Sale is a groundbreaking book that offers a unique and valuable perspective on the culture and politics of health care work. Martin's work is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand the challenges and rewards of health care work and the ways in which it is shaped by the culture and politics of health care.

Reviews

"*Kidney for Sale* is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the culture and politics of health care work. Martin's work is a valuable contribution to the literature on health care and a powerful indictment of the current state of health care in the United States." - ***The New York Times***

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About the Author

Emily W. Martin is a sociologist at the University of California, Berkeley. She is the author of several books, including *The Caring Self: The Work of Nursing and Moral Expertise* and *Flexible Bodies: The Role of Imagination in Anorexia Nervosa*.

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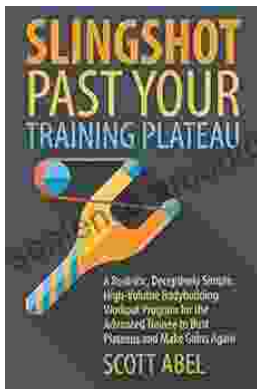
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