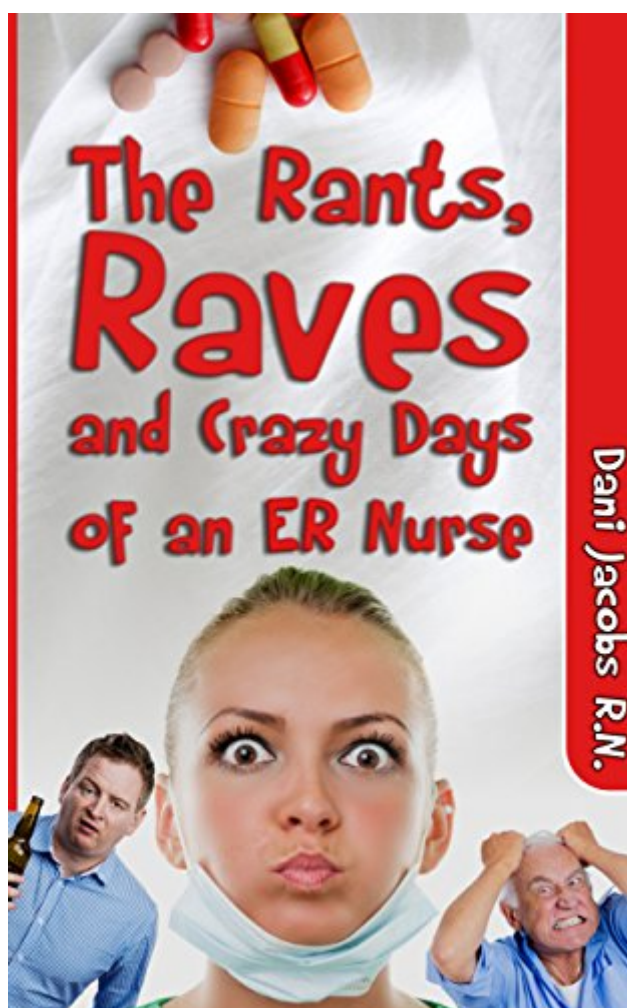


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The Rants, Raves And Crazy Days Of An ER Nurse: Funny, True Life Stories Of Medical Humor From The Emergency Room



Synopsis

Get your scrubs on and don't forget your stethoscope. Welcome to the ER. This book is not about life and death struggles. This book is the polar opposite. It is about the absolute, over the top insanity that I have witnessed during my time in the ER. This book is the untold, unseen, and unshared rants and raves of an ER nurse, who has been slowly being driven mad by his patients. I want you, the reader to step into my scrubs, see this bizarre world through my eyes, and understand that once you stop laughing in the ER, it's time to quit. This book is the stupid stories that I still don't believe. It's the codes gone crazy. It's the "I can't believe you said that." • It's a testament to everything an ER nurse puts up with on a day in and day out basis that most people don't know exists. It makes Scrubs, E.R., House, and all the other medical shows look like fairy tales. As an ER nurse, I want to let the world know that when we pull that curtain and leave the room, we are laughing because let's face it, it's funny. Please from this moment forward stop and close this book if you think you are about to read about nursing at it's finest. This is not Florence Nightingale's kind of nursing; this is the grit, spit, vomit and s#it that comes with the job I love/hate so much.

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Customer Reviews

I have a macabre sense of humor mostly so I enjoy real life situational humor as opposed to canned jokes or "schtick" humor. Seeing human foibles instead of hearing them does the job for me. It takes a lot to make me truly laugh out loud like a real belly laugh. This book, in many parts, had me laughing to the point I cried. Kudos to the author for his sense of humor especially in written form. My very best was the phlebotomy (Chapter 11) section; "you only get one shot at this." The analogy of going into a restaurant, ordering a steak & telling the chef he's only going to get one shot of this made me roar, even as I write this. (Maybe because I am a phlebotomist!). For those negative reviews out there....please, give me a break. Mr. Jacobs warned you in the forward & then said it best in stating if you don't or can't have a sense of humor in the profession he's in, then get out of medicine. The review that stated, "some things are better left unsaid" can't possibly understand the gruesomeness & man's inhumanity against man presented in the ER. You have to be "called" to this profession. Give the author a break. Trauma nurses & Dr.'s see things the average person cannot possibly comprehend. If they couldn't laugh, they'd end up in the psych ward !!! Thank God we have people such as these. If I were in a catastrophic medical situation & needed the Trauma personnel, I could only hope Mr. Jacobs or his clone, was attending me. Lighten up people, this is the real world & sometimes people say inappropriate things (see chapter in the book on intake info "Triage") which is frustrating. If you chose to ignore Mr. Jacob's warning in the beginning, you could have closed the book anytime. On a serious note, to those same nay-sayers, I understand. How could anyone laugh at someone's misfortune? But we don't have situations involving all 5 senses but they DO & more. When was the last time you were thrown up on, wiped an elderly pts. butt who is a complete stranger, seen the devastation of a shotgun blast, had to tell parents their child is dead, etc. on a constant basis? People in just about any profession or job, always talk about "stress" "burn out" & not making enough money. Many, many cops suffer from all 3 & their escape is "eating their gun." So I think these care givers are allowed some form of escape besides suicide. The alleviation of the first 2 are EXACTLY why the warriors in Trauma need a sense of humor & not making enough money????? ". In medicine, "Anesthesiologists, surgeons, orthopedic Dr.s & even podiatrists in private practice (and the list goes on) make much more than these people WITH REGULAR HOURS. My negative about this book? "The New Grad Nurse Guide" is the author's only other published book of which I know. Can't wait to start reading that !!!!

Dani did a good job of keeping the collection of incidents moving. I wish it had been longer. If you like real life medical stories, I think you would like this book.

Liked the stories. The grammar was somewhat shaky, but didn't distract very much. I think other nurses like myself would enjoy this book.

Funny and worth reading! I have 30 years experience and this author definitely nailed the truth. I worked in the South and experienced the same things. Thanks for the laughs!

Entertaining as stories are familiar but surely could of been longer as there are never ending stories a layperson could never imagine actually happens in the ERs. It is our society that many do not get to experience....

You probably have to be an ER nurse/doctor, paramedic or police officer to understand this book to it's best! Absolutely hysterical!

I am a nurse. It is refreshing to read an account that is accurate regarding the complexities of nursing without rendering the story depressing. Well written, interesting and true. Jane Looney RN

Loved reading these stories about the crazy days of an ER nurse. He tells it like it is without wasting words and with lots of humor.

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