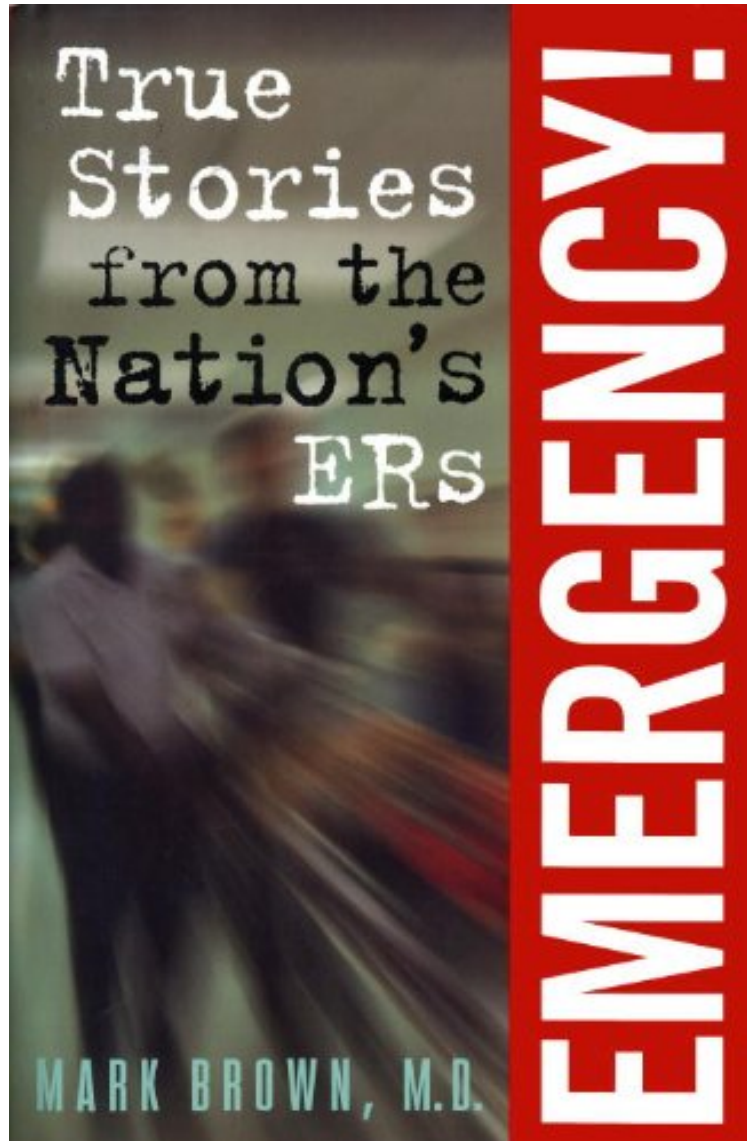


## Emergency!: True Stories from the Nation's ERs

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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I've read and re-read this book over and over. By PamI first purchased this book in hardcover in 1995 and was reading it during downtime while working the night shift at my local hospital. Before long, every time I put it down someone else came by and grabbed it and started reading it. The first copy was worn out in no time. Since then I've purchased at least 5 more copies in both hardcover and paperback

as I would lend them to friends and never get them back. I'm thrilled to finally see it come out for my kindle. I can enjoy reading a story or two while waiting for my appointments with doctors or dentists. My favorite story was "Frank". It has some strong language, but it's what I always wanted to see happen at our hospital when we got an especially irritating patient. There was even a story about a teen from my small town. I loved having my emotions go from laughing to crying in a short time frame. It's all part of the job in the ER and I was happy to know I wasn't the only one feeling that way. And, if you read this book, you'll know the answer to that age old question of "Got Milk?"

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. this book is awesome, however if not in medical field u may not understand

By Sillihunter As a RN,BSN for 21 years I have experience with many areas of medicine. I related to this book because it presents the TRUTH about ER etc. humor, crassness and downright compassion are presented. If you aren't a nurse or doctor you will find it rude, uncompassionate and inappropriate. LET ME ASSURE any reader that you will find compassion and help in the ER, but do not take to heart the conversations u may hear pieces of. With all the stuff we encounter we'd go looney if we couldn't return shift after shift, if we didn't have a vent or good laugh. We aren't laughing at you or about you, we laugh because if we didn't, we'd be crying hysterically. Who wants a hysterical RN or MD who can't quit crying from the patient that just died who they tried to desperately to revive, trying to examine or place an IV in you. Great work, when's the next book coming?

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. fun collection of ER anecdotes

By Kindle Customer I liked this book which is a collection of short anecdotes by ER doctors and nurses. Some are funny and some are heartbreakingly sad, particularly the stories of hurt or dying children. This book would make a great gift for a medical student or anyone who works in emergency medicine. I wish it had been longer.

Long before the hit TV show E.R., emergency room doctor Mark Brown decided that the world just had to know about real life in a hospital's E.R. He canvassed 15,000 doctors and nurses across the country, asking them to contribute the stories, dramas, the ridiculous sagas, and the immensely humorous moments that make up their lives in the war zone, or "pit."

From Publishers Weekly California emergency-room physician Brown here supplements tales of his own experiences with contributions from almost 100 other doctors and nurses in a volume that is by turn tense, poignant and amusing. ER personnel confront the entire range of human life from its beginning to its end, but hardest to bear, they find, are crib deaths and futile attempts to resuscitate child and teenage accident victims, not so much because the ERs are traumatized by mortality but because they must deal with the survivors. Among their least favorite patients are unwashed derelicts and near-psychotics high on drugs or liquor. Regarded as a minor annoyance are malingerers and hypochondriacs, who waste the resources of the ERs. There are funny stories here as well, like the one about the doctor who was misunderstood when he requested a stool from a patient, meaning a chair. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From Library Journal Emergency! presents life and death vignettes culled from emergency rooms across the country, as told by doctors and nurses in their own words. Alternately heartbreaking and hilarious, it reflects the full range of human behavior in both patients and staff, often under extreme duress. The editor, himself an ER physician, offers the reader brief glimpses into the controlled chaos that is the modern emergency room, in no particular order since, as he says, that's the way the patients come in. You never know what's coming through the door. As the popular TV series ER and Chicago Hope demonstrate, there is an appetite for the drama inherent in emergency rooms. Moving, satisfying, and sometimes disturbing, this book is highly recommended.

—Anne C. Tomlin, Auburn Memorial Hosp. Lib., N.Y. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From Booklist Editor Brown brings both legal and medical degrees and a decade's experience in emergency medicine to compiling this set of 100 poems, essays, and stories by physicians and nurses. As with nearly any collection, this one is best read in short sessions in order to feel the full force of each entry. Together, the writings here illuminate the broad range of reasons why patients arrive in the emergency room, the work and the attitudes of the paramedics and police officers who bring them there, and the responses of family and friends. The reported conversation among ER staff and between staff and patients runs the gamut from black humor that may upset nonmedical readers to profoundly involved dialogue. Top-drawer contributions include the story of the nurse who alertly observed one portion of a chicken restaurant napkin in a rape victim and, later and separately, another portion in a gunshot wound in the rapist and the story of the physician who donated his own shoes to a homeless victim who had been robbed of his. A graphic, intense, and successful anthology.

William Beatty