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**Michael D Reagan : The Accidental System** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Accidental System:

6 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Insightful, accessible, and right-onBy JSR,MDNo one seems to be able to clarify, simplify and reduce to essentials the enormous political and social problems with healthcare in our country like Michael Reagan. This is not the first time Professor Emeritus Reagan has approached the topic with success, but in this distillation are perhaps his best suggestions to logically proceed with correcting our healthcare woes. Agree or disagree with his well supported premises if you wish; nobody I have read has a better grasp of the fundamental issues, or expresses them with more clarity.In a unique way, this political scientist has infiltrated the inner sanctum of clinical care, explained the problems and proposed some solutions that make great sense. This book is a wonderful addition to the understanding of our American 'accidental system' of very expensive, often marginally effective, generally unbalanced health care practices, but without the rancor, biases and vehemence that often accompanies attempts like this by those with less skill and insight. Very nicely written and produced.Jeffrey S. Rose, MD3 of 7 people found the following review helpful. A college kid's opinion...By Taylor OliverThis book was a required read for American Federal Government at the University of Oklahoma during the spring 2000 semester. I found this book to be a very dry and overly technical read. Upon completing this book, I had gained absolutely no factual information concerning the operating mechanics of American managed care. The book was very well written and structured, but as a student of the physical sciences, I found the omnipresence of members of the ever-growing list of medical acronyms to be overwhelming. I strongly recommend that the reader have some familiarity with the

American managed care system and/or the medical profession in order to enjoy this book to its fullest extent.

With the demise of the Clinton health care reform plan, the debate on health care changed but did not subside. From opinion pieces in newspapers to dinner-table conversations, the debate over whether the right to quality health care is a public right, akin to educating our children, or whether it is a private one, akin to life insurance, continues. In *The Accidental System* Michael Reagan shows that in the American political context, health care is neither exclusively a public right nor a private privilege. This insightful policy study provides students with an excellent demonstration of how public policy intersects with private markets.

**About the Author** Michael D. Reagan is professor emeritus at the University of California at Riverside and has authored numerous publications on American government and politics, including books such as *Regulation: The Politics of Policy* and *Curing the Crisis*, and articles on health care in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.