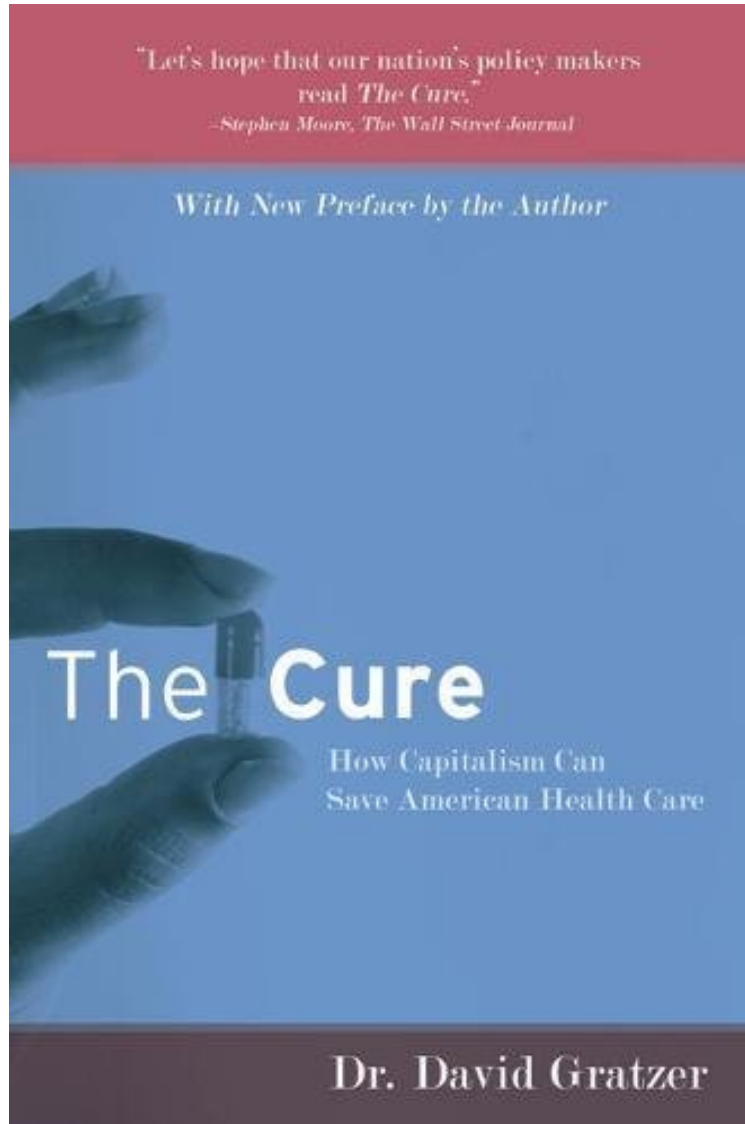


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**David Gratzner : The Cure: How Capitalism Can Save American Health Care** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Cure: How Capitalism Can Save American Health Care:

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Canada and the US, is a credible critic of proponents of socialized medicine. He does an excellent job of providing data to support his points, and most of his points are that people supporting the concept of a single payer for health care use anecdotes rather than convincing data to show how the US health system is failing. He uses hard endpoint data, such as diagnosis of breast cancer in early stages, cancer survival data, and survival after heart attacks, to show that health care in the US leads other countries in the world and especially those with single payer systems run by the government. He makes the point that being "politically correct" doesn't necessarily make one "scientifically correct". The way he criticizes the mind-set of socialized medicine reminded me of the methods used by Thomas Sowell in his 1995 book, "The Vision of the Anointed". He pointed out that most of the "politically correct" set ignore factual evidence. Gratzner finds these arguments and provides the evidence that is often ignored. This should be a must read for those in positions to influence the debate.

We are surrounded by medical miracles: polio has been eradicated; childhood leukemia is now treatable; death by cardiovascular disease has declined by two-thirds in the last fifty years. Yet while American medicine has never been better, angst over American health care has never been greater. Why is American health care such a mess? In this path-breaking book--Nobel laureate Milton Friedman calls it "fascinating and thorough"--Dr. David Gratzner goes to the heart of the problem, showing that the crisis in American health care stems largely from its addiction to outmoded and discredited economic ideas. What needs to be done? Dr. Gratzner mounts a bold and provocative argument, rejecting the conventional wisdom that socialized health care is compassionate and that top-down government agencies like the FDA actually save lives. Instead, he prescribes a strong dose of capitalism. The Cure offers a detailed overview of American health care, from economics and politics to medical science. Weighing in on the most controversial topics in health care, Dr. Gratzner makes the case that it's possible to reduce health expenses, insure millions more, and improve quality of care while not growing government or raising taxes. An award-winning author and essayist, he is a master storyteller, enlivening his book with anecdotes, interviews, and stories drawn from his own extensive clinical experience. He details the cardiac woes of Robert E. Lee and Dick Cheney, describes a chat over coffee with Canada's foremost private medical entrepreneur (an acquaintance of Fidel Castro, as it happens), and explains the evolution of his own thinking, from advocating HillaryCare as a medical student to promoting individual choice and competition today. The patient is in critical condition; Dr. Gratzner diagnoses the disease and prescribes the cure.

From the Back Cover"David Gratzner is a practicing psychiatrist who combines firsthand knowledge of medical practice in both his native Canada and the U.S. with an independent point of view and a rare capacity for lucid exposition of complex technical material. . . If you want a well-written, interesting yet authoritative and thorough account of what is wrong with medicine today and how to cure American health care, this is the book for you." - Milton Friedman, Nobel Laureate, Economics (from foreword to The Cure) "The Cure is a must read for all students of health care policy. Dr. Gratzner correctly diagnoses the U.S. health care system's problems and proposes workable solutions to fix them. His ideas will help reign-in costs while, at the same time, preserve necessary incentives for quality-of-life enhancing innovations." --John F. Cogan, Senior Fellow, The Hoover Institution, Stanford University "David Gratzner's well written book should be in the reading list of anyone interested in health care reform. In five-sixths of the U.S economy, we look to markets as an organizing mechanism; in the one-sixth of the economy represented by health care, public policy has frustrated markets, with adverse consequences for cost, access, and quality. Gratzner's capitalist manifesto is a shot in the arm; with it, the much that's right with American health care can grow." --R. Glenn Hubbard, Dean and Russell L. Carson Professor of Finance and Economics, Columbia Business School; and former Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers. "The caduceus is an apt symbol for medicine, given the bureaucratic snake pit the American health care system has become. Dr. David Gratzner skillfully wields Occam's razor to shave away the Byzantine rhetoric and show us that the cure for health care comes in the simplest of formulas - free markets, less government meddling, and a healthy dose of capitalism." --Governor Bill Owens, Colorado "Dr. David Gratzner is uniquely qualified to diagnose and provide a treatment regimen for the US health care system's problems. In this book he performs this function for us, does it with his usual acumen and clarity. He leads us by the hand through the labyrinth of legal, institutional and regulatory events that brought to the point where, at least to some, we are in a health crisis that can only be solved by further movement away from the market and toward a universal centrally controlled system. He thoroughly debunks the notion we can improve the US health care system by becoming more like our neighbors to the North. After taking us there, he shows us why these same legal, institutional, and regulatory events are largely responsible for our predicament and that the popular solution of more of the same is not the answer. He convincingly demonstrates that the only way out is less regulation of, and more freedom for, the providers and customers of health care. This book should be read by anyone involved, or with the hope or potential to be involved, in determining health care policy." --Tom Saving, Director, Private Enterprise Research Center at Texas AM University. "Excellent addition to the emerging call for empowering patients rather than government bureaucrats with control of the health care dollar, written by someone with an expert view from the inside!" --Scott W. Atlas, MD, Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution, Professor, Stanford University School of Medicine About the Author Dr. David

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