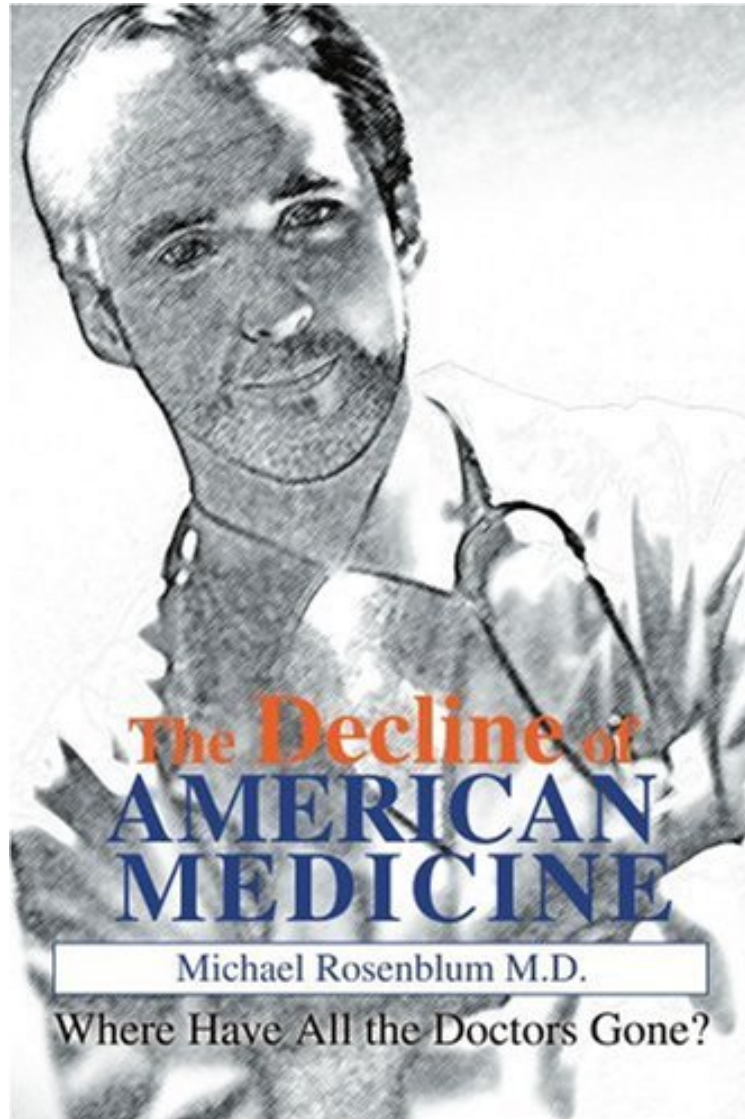


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About the Author Dr. Michael Rosenblum, chosen by his fellow physicians in several published surveys as one of the best doctors in the San Francisco Bay Area, shut down his internal medicine practice due to an avalanche of regulatory pressures. He is now a health consultant, lecturer, writer, and guitar-picker, and enjoys working in his hillside garden.