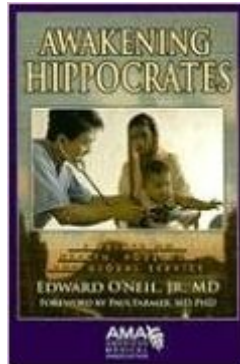


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# Awakening Hippocrates: A Primer On Health, Poverty, And Global Service



## Synopsis

This book takes a critical look at state of health affairs across the globe, giving information on poverty, health disparities, ethics and much more. Through the author's personal travels and observations, along with facts and figures on these subjects, the need for medical volunteering becomes even more enforced. The author works to explain the component "forces of disparity", including racism, sexism, history, trade, unequal economic growth, the problems of foreign aid, infectious disease/AIDS, and many other factors. Also included are inspirational in-depth profiles of seven exemplary health providers who have dedicated their lives to service.

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In this impressive and immensely readable book, Dr. O'Neil provides a critical and comprehensive analysis of the forces behind global health disparities, along with an inspirational call for health professionals to become more engaged in alleviating suffering in places beyond our normal scope. He does this by presenting well-researched data on the history of poverty, health, and international aid efforts, and combines this with the on-the-ground experiences of himself and others. In doing so, Dr. O'Neil dispels some of the myths perpetuated by governments, transnational organizations, and others, regarding the roots of poverty, ill health, and efforts to alleviate this suffering. Yet, Dr. O'Neil does not stop with his critical analysis, and the troubling picture it reveals; he links this with a moving appeal to an ethical imperative for greater engagement in the fight to alleviate suffering among marginalized populations, and provides a guide (in the companion book "A Practical Guide

to Global Health Service") of how to become more involved in a wide variety of settings. These two books should be essential reading for all medical and public health professionals and students. In turn, hopefully it will spur greater action among health professionals to alleviate so much unnecessary suffering in the world and realize the rich rewards that come with global health volunteerism.

I had to get this book for a college class. I can't help but feel that it's in need of an update since it was written years ago. The info seems redundant, almost as if the author was trying to fill space, and I've been zoning out after the first few pages of each chapter.

Read, and reread this book so many times I've lost count. In the first reading I found that my ignorance was pretty much limitless, although I was born and raised in a third world country by American parents. I have bought this book to share with friends who have plans for international service. Everyone should read this book at least once.

I purchased this book for a class I took in the fall. I couldn't get into to it. It wasn't an easy or interesting read at all. I think I only read one or two chapters. The transaction was good, and the product was delivered as promised.

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