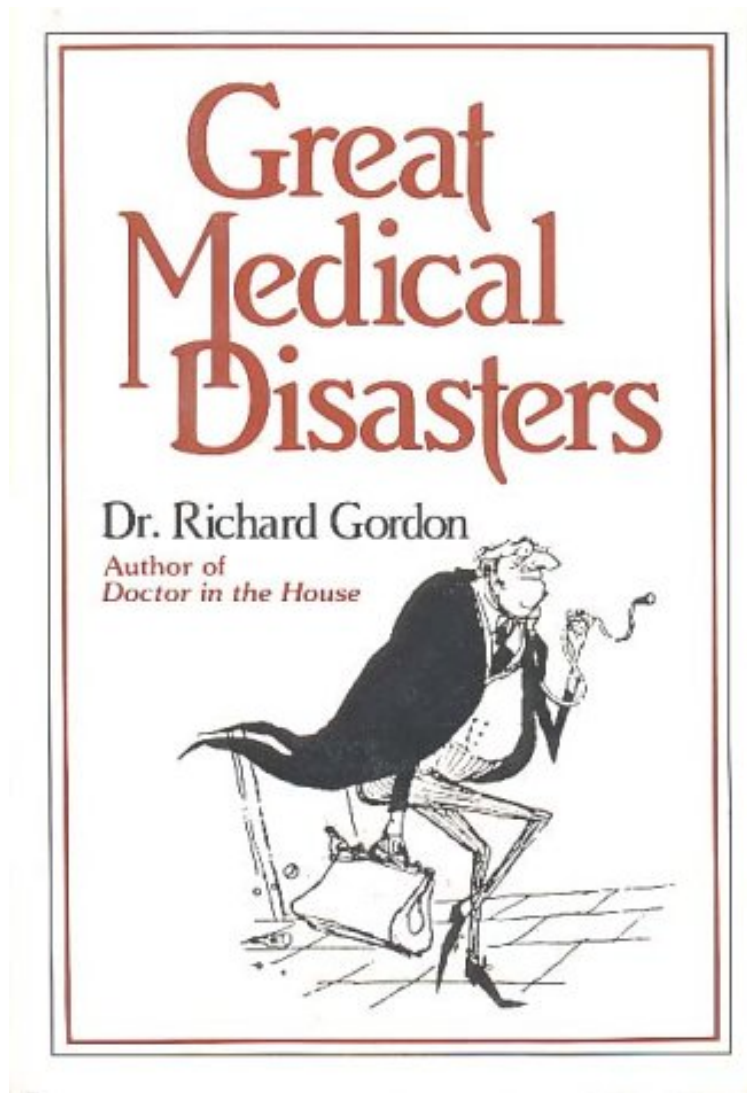


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Richard Gordon : Great Medical Disasters before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Great Medical Disasters:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. You'll Never Take Your Doctor So Seriously Ever Again! By Pommy Dave This book is full of hilarious and tragic accounts of some of the most horrifying blunders by medical doctors; yet every story is a true, well-documented account of medical stupidity. I often quote bits from this book to doctors and other medical professionals I have to deal with. And many of them know about this book and have read it again. If your physician seems infallible, like a god (or at least a demi-god) then read this book and you will never take

him or her (so) seriously ever again. Great entertainment, but maybe you'd better not read it if you are already booked into a hospital for surgery! Read it afterwards, and you can sigh with relief. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Loved it!

By Emergency, MD I'm a physician and came across this book when I was still in training and I still have it 15 years later. The book is written for a general audience and I think the author does an outstanding job explaining complicated procedures to the layperson. Unlike other reviewers who commented on a lack of "thread" in this text, I think the work is unified and nicely organized in sections. The common thread is medical disasters and Gordon does a fine job switching from surgery cases to epidemiologic detective work. He was the first physician in my career who helped me see Mary Mallon (Typhoid Mary) as a human-being rather than a fomite. Kudos to Dr. Gordon!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Read and smile

By Dalton C. Rocha I read this book here in Brazil. I'm an agronomist, single, 35 years old. I like to read books. This book isn't for doctors or nurses. It's for general public and really is a comic book. The best chapter of this this book is chapter 2. This chapter talks about, the fatal illness of Frederick, the noble. The useless medicine then available, and the crew of doctors, trying to help the hopelesse Frederick is hilarious. Read this book and smile.

Man's activities have been tainted by disaster ever since the serpent first approached Eve in the garden. And the world of medicine is no exception. In this outrageous and strangely informative book, Richard Gordon explores some of history's more bizarre medical disasters. He creates a catalogue of mishaps including anthrax bombs on Gruinard Island, destroying mosquitoes in Panama, and Mary the cook who, in 1904, inadvertently spread Typhoid across New York State. As the Bible so rightly says, 'He that sinneth before his maker, let him fall into the hands of the physician.'

About the Author Richard Gordon is best-known for his hilarious 'Doctor' books and the long-running television series they inspired. Born in 1921, he qualified as a doctor and went on to work as an anaesthetist at the famous St Bartholomew's Hospital, before a spell as a ship's surgeon and then as assistant editor of the British Medical Journal. In 1952, before leaving medical practice in 1952 to take up writing full time and embarking upon the 'Doctor' series. Many of these are based on these experiences in the medical profession and are all told with the rye wit and candid humour that have become his hallmark. They have proved enduringly successful and have been adapted into both film and TV. His 'Great Medical Mysteries' and 'Great Medical Discoveries' concern the stranger aspects of the medical profession, whilst 'The Private Life' series takes a deeper look at individual figures within their specific medical and historical setting. Clearly an incredibly versatile writer, he will, however, always be best known for his comic tone coupled with remarkable powers of observation inherent in the hilarious 'Doctor' series. 'Mr Gordon is in his way the P G Wodehouse of the general hospitals' - The Daily Telegraph. 'I wish some more solemn novelists had half Mr Gordon's professional skills' - Julian Symonds, Sunday Times