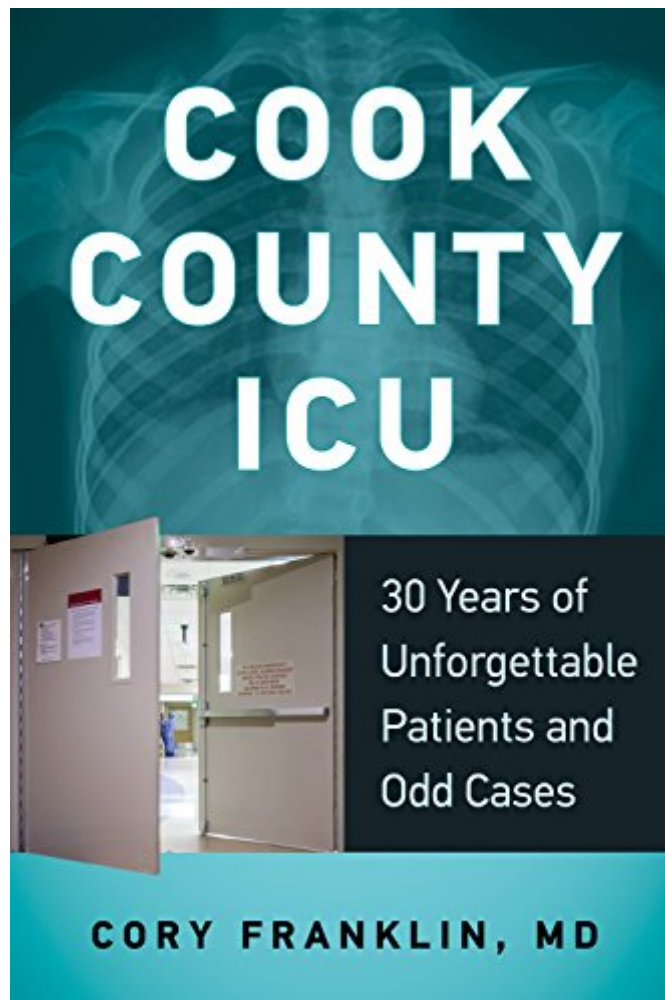




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Synopsis

An inside look at one of the nation's most famous public hospitals as seen through the eyes of its longtime director of intensive care. Filled with stories of strange medical cases and unforgettable patients culled from a 30-year career in medicine, Cook County ICU offers readers a peek into the inner workings of a hospital. Author Dr. Cory Franklin, who headed the hospital's intensive care unit from the 1970s through the 1990s, shares his most unique and bizarre experiences, including the deadly Chicago heatwave of 1995, treating the first AIDS patients in the country before the disease was diagnosed, the nurse with rare Munchausen syndrome, the only surviving ricin victim, and the professor with Alzheimer's hiding the effects of the wrong medication. Surprising, darkly humorous, heartwarming, and sometimes tragic, these stories provide a big-picture look at how the practice of medicine has changed over the years, making it an enjoyable read for patients, doctors, and anyone with an interest in medicine.

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This was an easy read about a Dr whom worked at Cook County. I was entertained until about the

last chapter. I don't know if that was me, or the book. The stories about the patients was the most interesting parts of the book.

Wonderful medical story teller. The book is hard to put down. It helps that the author is a doctor who has experienced these things himself.

Great stories and comparison of past and present medicine. Especially liked the last chapter summing up how healthcare has changed and what currently drives our current system.

I have not yet read anything except the Franklin book. I enjoyed that book. He said some things that needed to be said.

Bought for our paramedic son working in Chicago suburbs. Skimmed through book before wrapping for Christmas and the stories definitely looked intriguing. Our son looks forward to reading it as he sure has plenty of interesting cases himself.

Good Read of the real Chicago Hospital instead of how they showed it on the Hit Medical Drama ER but some of it was pretty much the same.

Having gone to Cook County Hospital once in the late 60's I was eager to hear the stories Mr. Franklin told so well. I highly recommend this book as a well written, informative and entertaining read.

As a retired nurse with a 40 year career, I loved every page. Excellent read and found how much I could relate to this wonderful and compassionate Doctor. Very difficult to put this book down. I hope that Dr, Franklin will write some more books.

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