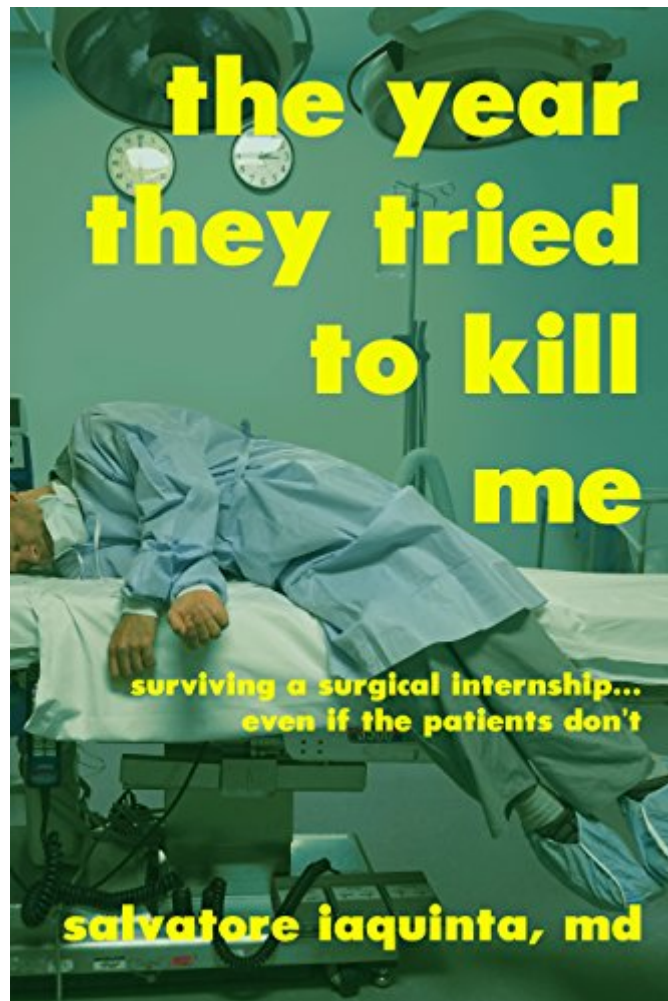


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# The Year THEY Tried To Kill Me: Surviving A Surgical Internship...even If The Patients Don't



## Synopsis

"The only people who think you are a doctor are you and your mom." • Not exactly the warm welcome naive Wisconsin med school graduate Sal laquinta is expecting after moving to urban Oakland, California, for his first year of surgical residency. Now all this new doctor has to look forward to is somehow surviving the next 365 days of drug-addicted patients, sleep deprivation, brutal work hours, and even more brutal staff surgeons while also trying desperately to hang onto his humanity...not to mention his girlfriend back home. But as hard as They try to kill him by crushing his spirit along with his compassion, the one thing his superiors can't do is stop the clock. And it's just started to tick. For brand-new doctor Sal laquinta, the only way out of his intern year is the same way he gone in: one patient, one day at a time.

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## Customer Reviews

As a freelance editor, I read a LOT of books--both for work and for pleasure. I had the honor of doing a final proofread on Sal's book, and in hindsight, I had no idea what I was in for. "The Year They Tried to Kill Me" has it all: humor, sadness, a bit of romance, and complete honesty--the best

part. It's nice hearing a doctor's opinion and the "behind the scene" stories through an entirely truthful testimony peppered with humor. Once I completed the book I realized it was one of the best books I've ever read. Beautifully organized, sensitive, and comprising a perfect balance of humor and medical drama, "The Year They Tried to Kill Me" is on my bookshelf to stay.

I enjoyed reading this book very much. It provided a real insight into what goes on in a hospital. Even though I am not a doctor, I could relate to many of the stories and human interactions contained in the book. It was hard to stop reading once I started. Some stories had me laughing and some stories brought tears to my eyes. I highly recommend this unique and amazingly candid book.

I read this book with delight. in fact, I looked forward each night to settling in with it, and was sorry to see it end. As a general surgeon for 20 years, this humorous review of a surgical internship rings true. This is the way I remember it at a gritty university hospital - scary, tiring, gritty, funny, a real "front row seat to life." I usually steer away from medical books (I don't want a busman's holiday), but I am so glad a friend recommended this. Buy it - you won't be sorry.

I completely enjoyed this book. A friend of mine recommended it to me and I am so glad she did. It was entertaining, funny and honest. It provided great insight on what is like to be a 1st year resident. The differences between hospitals and healthcare for the insured vs the uninsured was interesting and eye opening. I enjoyed the patient stories and the humor Sal was able to see in many difficult situations.

I don't often laugh out loud when I read books. This book certainly challenged that notion. Working in a hospital I see self absorbed surgeons all the time. This man wasn't. I loved him for it. He pointed out the obvious, he pointed out the ridiculous. He wrote what it's REALLY like. I can't wait for more from him. CJ

this book was entertaining and definitely kept my interest. I liked that this resident had a backbone and found ways to deal with the bullies he encountered in the medical field. His humor was nerdy but funny. I had just finished reading "The Real Doctor Will See You Now", also good, and it was hard not to compare the 2 books, as they were somewhat similar...

This book was okay, although there wasn't much of a story told. The book, in my opinion, was

mostly about medical conditions, procedures and surgeries that the author experienced during his first year of residency. Lots of medical terminology that I didn't understand. Some parts were also just gross. Very little storyline. Yet, it was just interesting enough to keep me reading, but I certainly can't say it's one of the best books I've ever read, and don't understand how it's rated so highly. I read it because of the very high ratings. The author seems like a kind and caring Doctor, though, and if he would write another book, I would certainly read it.

Having undergone several major surgeries I've developed a desire to learn more about the various Doctors that you interface with in a teaching hospital like the one I use, Johns Hopkins. This book gave me a beautiful insight into what the poor guys that would follow the "Attending Physician" into my room each morning were going through. God bless them!

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