

Contact Wounds: A War Surgeon's Education - Jonathan Kaplan

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Surgery is the crude art of cutting people open, yet it is also a symphony of delicate manipulation and subtle chords. So says Jonathan Kaplan in his stunning book *Contact Wounds*, an electrifying account of a doctor's education in the classroom, in life, and on the battlefield. Inspired by his father, a military surgeon in World War II and Israel's nascent fight for statehood, Kaplan became a doctor and was appointed to a post at a woefully understaffed South African general hospital in a black township. Fleeing apartheid, he traveled the globe in search of sanctuary, experiencing riots, tropical fevers, political upheaval, and a jungle search for a lost friend. Kaplan eventually landed in Angola, taking charge of a combat-zone hospital, the only surgeon for 160,000 civilians, where he was exposed daily to the horrors of war. Journeying further into dangerous territory, Kaplan portrays serving as a volunteer surgeon in Baghdad where he treated civilian casualties amid gunfights for control of hospitals and dealt with gangs of AK-47-wielding looters stripping pharmacies. *Contact Wounds* is a stirring testament of adventure, discovery, survival, and the making of a career devoted to saving people caught in the crossfire of war. Author: Kaplan, Jonathan Publisher: Grove Press Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: Contact Wounds: A War Surgeon's Education Pages: 00288 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2007-12-01 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780802142788 Category: Medical : Surgery - General

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