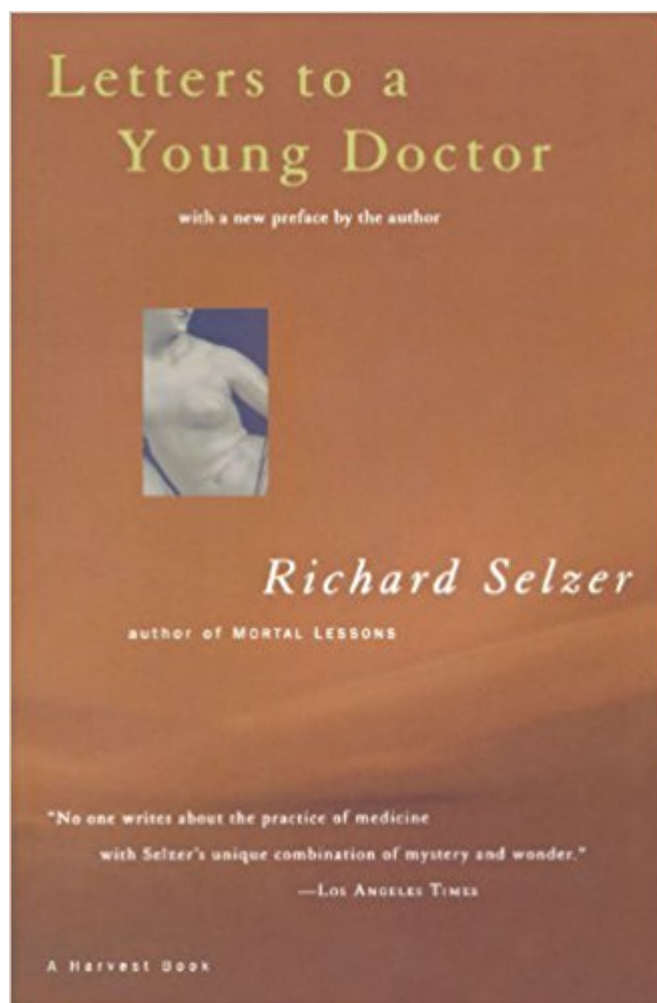


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Candid, insightful, unexpectedly funny, a timeless collection that will compel anyone fascinated by the miracles of the human body, life, and death.

Richard Selzer is a former surgeon and Yale School of Medicine professor. He has received many awards for his writing, including a National Magazine Award, a Pushcart Prize, and a Guggenheim fellowship. He is the author of several collections of stories and essays as well as a memoir. He lives in New Haven, Connecticut. Â

Wonderful imagery and description throughout the many short tales of the trials of being a good surgeon - as well as a ethical person. Masterfully done.

Great book! I love the stories in it.

As an aspiring surgeon, this book is absolute gold. Surgeons have the unfortunate (and well earned, in some cases) reputation for being cold and uncaring. Selzer begins to rectify this with a lifetime of stories and a lifetime of humanity. His stories are touching, moving, educational and an absolute delight to read. I look forward to reading these stories as my career progresses and, eventually, passing them on to students.

I like Selzer's writing here, but some of it seems uneven. Some of the letters are very moving, and the amazement in me at Selzer's poetic sense of life grows.

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Absolutely brilliant!

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