Family Practice Stories: Memories, Reflections, And Stories Of Hoosier Family Doctors Of The Mid-Twentieth Century
Synopsis

An initiative of the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians and the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians Foundation, Family Practice Stories is a collection of tales told by, and about, Hoosier family doctors practicing in the middle of the twentieth century. The stories celebrate that time in America considered by many to be the golden age of generalism in medicine a time that conjures up Norman Rockwell’s familiar archetypal images of the country family doctor and a time when the art of healing was at its zenith. The book is divided into two sections. The first is a collection of reflective essays on various subjects, some written by individuals who participated in interviewing these older doctors, some by invited essayists, and others the perspectives of the doctors themselves concerning medicine and their careers. The second part contains a large collection of stories from Hoosier family physicians that practiced in this era. The stories are specific episodes in their careers and reveal much about how these family doctors touched the lives of their patients and their influence on their communities.

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Dr. Feldman has pulled together a book that encapsulates well the storied history of family medicine in Indiana. It is well written, with short chapters that allow the reader to sample the broad diversity of experiences of the physicians of the Hoosier state. I bet every state could have a book of memories from its slowly aging patriarchs (and matriarchs) of medicine, but I’m glad Dr. Feldman decided to start with Indiana. A great read for any student of the history of medicine, and for inspiration to medical students and family medicine physicians everywhere.
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