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Review

"Iaquinta's book helped me relive my own surgical residency from 30 years ago, but this time I could laugh and smile about it because of the humorous self-deprecation he eloquently injects into the raw reality of universally intense, serious episodes of real-life surgical events. One need not be a physician or surgeon to enjoy his book. In fact, everyone can be thoroughly entertained by his true-life diary, in which he shares his experiences with circumspection and sensitivity, not typical of the public's perception of surgeons."

Peter Bretan, MD, FACS - Marin Medicine (Spring 2013)

About the Author

Salvatore Iaquinta is a part-time author and full time surgeon in the San Francisco Bay Area. After spending years of his life looking for the ultimate joke, he discovered that the joke is life itself. He now lives by the motto "Laughter is the best medicine, but surgery is a close second." It's working; some of his patients will attest that his operative technique is laughable.

All right, I can't talk about myself in the third-person. I love making things. Anything. Whether it is creating a way to reconstruct a disfiguring wound, sewing a dog toy, or designing a puzzle, I am constantly making something. I wrote a daily comic strip for the University of Madison's "Badger Herald". I've had two excerpts of my book "The Year They Tried to Kill Me: Surviving a surgical internship even if the patient's don't" published. One of which, "What am I Doing Here?", won an award in a physician's writing contest. My original goal for "The Year They Tried to Kill Me" was to tell people what it takes to become a surgeon. The gritty stories would scare students from becoming surgeons. But somewhere along the way I realized I just wanted to write a story to amuse people; a glimpse behind the scenes that lets them know their stoic doctor is actually human...a fallible human.

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