# I SIGNED AS THE DOCTOR: Memoir of a Cancer Doctor Surviving Cancer

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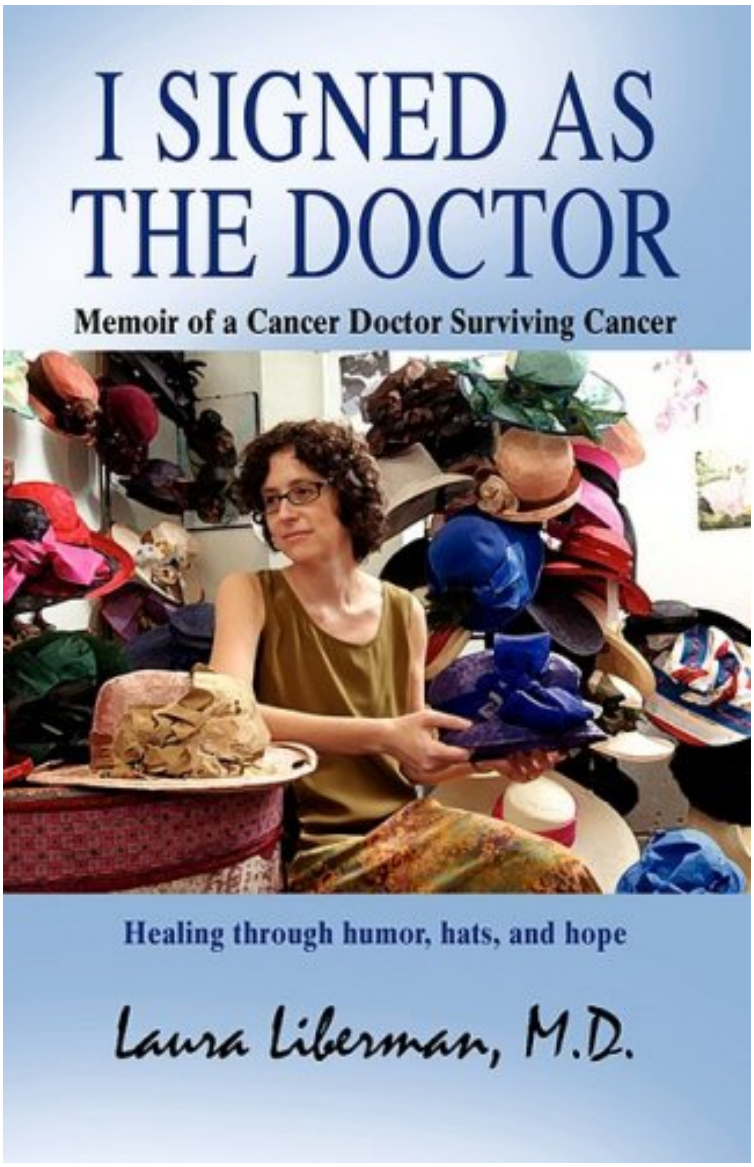


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**Laura Liberman MD : I SIGNED AS THE DOCTOR: Memoir of a Cancer Doctor Surviving Cancer** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised I SIGNED AS THE DOCTOR: Memoir of a Cancer Doctor Surviving Cancer:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Dr Liberman's book is tremendously informative and inspiring!By

Joan M. CoyneAs I read "I Signed as the Doctor," I became very aware of the seriousness of Dr Liberman's cancer, the multiple types and extent of the treatments needed for her to have a 50/50 chance of survival, the object of each treatment, and all the related side effects. Her clear, layman's explanations of the medical procedures, their objectives, what to expect from them, and how to best deal with them were wonderfully enlightning.Best of all, the book was as much about celebrating life, as it was an explanation of what to expect when you have cancer. While undergoing her long and arduous treatments that caused exhaustion, pain, nausea, loss of hair, and humiliation, Dr Liberman continuously brought joy into her life and the lives of those around her. She put as much effort into living ... as she did into fighting death. This short book has left me more knowledgeable, and very determined to live a fuller, more joyous life. I heartily recommend it to all!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Extraordinary doctor documents her cancer treatmentBy Nancy CollinsLaura Liberman, a talented radiologist and Director of the Women Faculty Affairs Office at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, does a temendous service to cancer patients and their families by recording her treatment for an aggressive cancer from the point of view of both a patient and a doctor who understands the seriousness of her disease. The email exchanges with friends, family, and colleagues during the ups and downs of her treatment have an immediancy and realism that surpasses other memoirs. The imagination and energy she put into her professsional career and constructing a women's program in a decidely male environment, she also brought to dealing with her treatment - symbolized by the distinctive hats she wore to cover the loss of her curly hair. The reader meets a family dealing with crisis through the eyes of a mother and wife who both depends on them, and wants to protect and nurture them. I hope that the author continues to record the no less daunting process of recovery from major disease. An engaging read!0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I Signed As The DoctorBy S. MalteseAs a lymphoma patient I was disappointed in the amount of time spent on her family chronicles and not on treatment and how it effects your life. I am currently under treatment with R-CHOP and Neulasta shots and it is not a walk in the park. Going to the theater, jazz clubs and shopping sprees is not in the cards for me. I thought she started on the right track and then strayed from the story patients need to share. I appreciated her upbeat attitude and advice but again felt we needed a little more patient treatment perspective.

This memoir is the true story of a cancer doctor surviving cancer. Candid and humorous, I Signed as the Doctor will inspire general readers, give insight to people with cancer and their loved ones, and help physicians be better doctors.

"Original and fascinating." --Anna Fels, M.D., author of Necessary Dreams: Ambition in Women's Changing Lives "A lucid look at cancer when an eminent doctor becomes a patient. Laura Liberman's touching personal and expert professional insights, humanity, and down-right helpful advice should be read by those who have cancer and those who treat this disease. Actually, it's a great read for everyone." "When a reader laughs and cries at the same time, that's a sign of a great book. Laura Liberman's true story does it. I love I Signed as the Doctor! It made my heart sing."