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This is a nurse's story unlike any other, because Echo Heron is a very special nurse. Dedicated to healing and helping in the harshest environments, she spent ten years in emergency rooms and intensive care units. Her story is unique, penetrating, and unforgettable. Her story is real.

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Staceyj says

Wonderful story about a nurse and how stressful and crazy life can be. Very well written as well.

Malot says

As I am a professional nurse like the author, I can relate to her anecdotes especially her service in the ICU. Ms.Heron has the wit and humor in her writing, in her book I found the courage to assert myself in my patient's behalf. In this book I have realized the real role of a nurse of being a patient's advocate.

Ferris says

I am interested in medical stories, so I found this to be quite interesting. The author shares the trajectory of her career in nursing, from nursing school to being a dually placed Cardiac Care Nurse and ER Nurse. The patient stories were very interesting and gave much insight into the author's emotional response to various situations. Not bad.

Deena Scintilla says

I read this a long time ago and, wow, was it ever deja vu! At times I felt Echo had been peeking thru my windows or following me as I went from nursing job to nursing job trying to get away from the sam ol', same ol' BS found in the bureaucratic hospital and medical systems. Unfortunately according to friends and my experiences, it all still reads too true and validates why I choose not to put up with it anymore.

I loved this book for its honesty, humor, pathos and became friends with the author as a result.

Maggie says

This woman drive me nuts! Apparently she is the only person capable of anything if her story is to be believed. I found her personality interferred with the story, (I just wish she would shut up about her self and how wonderful she is).

JanBreesmom says

Intensive Care: The Story of a Nurse by Echo Heron was the first book about nurses I read after becoming a Registered Nurse. At the time I found it daunting...a seemingly impossible job. Echo Heron told the story with warmth and compassion but also in complete candor. She had done it, not because it was easy or comfortable to do but because she was compelled to succeed in giving care and making a positive difference in the world around her.

Some twenty years later I have reread the book and I see it through completely different eyes. Acute hospital nursing is a calling, a mission, a way of life, not just a career. Anyone who would go into the field of nursing solely for making money or to have a prestigious career, I feel, should look for something else. As Echo Heron points out, it is life vs. death, It affects your lifestyle, your family, and takes over your body, mind, and soul. Not everyone can or should go into the field of nursing.

I recommend this book for those considering making nursing their life's work, those looking to make a difference in their world, and to those who have the gift of compassion. The stories in this book are true...they happen to nurses every day.

Vikki says

This book told of a girl's life in nursing school, as a nurse, through burn out. I really enjoyed this book. I would not recommend this book to just anyone. I am sorry to see from the posts that Ms. Heron got fired for writing this book! Too bad-what a great nurse.

Kristopher says

This book is self-congratulatory swill. It's poorly written, and serves as a means of public self-stroking of the author's ego. Heron is rabidly determined to appear as "cute and plucky", always willing to stand up for herself against the overbearing doctors. This book consumed a day of my life that I will never get back, for which I am still resentful 6 years later.

Karen says

If you ever wondered what it's like to be a nurse read this book. She takes a very honest real look at nursing. I think it explains both why you would go into the profession and even why you could end up leaving it or just wanting to leave.

Joy Landers says

oh my goodness, am I having flashbacks! Echo Heron did a wonderful job describing everything: from getting into the nursing program, to being the wide eyed eager student, to the idealic beginning career, to the burn out from bureaucratic bull crap and being so short staffed it's dangerous. I don't think anyone could have expressed nursing better.

Juanita Baltz says

Once again a medical non fiction. Plus the author has a neat name. Echo comes across as a real person with a real life so when I learned who she prayed to or should I say called on in an emergency I was very excited. This may not be your book if you feel the trinity has you covered.

Tasha says

This was the first book I read by Echo Heron and it inspired me to pursue my dream of becoming a nurse.

Maggie says

I read this a long time ago, but I remember it and how timeless it was.

Ruth Neese says

Echo Heron was fired for writing this book. She wrote it when the last nursing shortage was ending and capitated reimbursement was forced on hospitals. That was a VERY stressful time to be a nurse, and some hospital administrations behaved badly toward nurses. Unfortunately, what Heron describes has not vanished completely from health care.

Lori Schiele says

This book was a great read. Being a veterinary technician (the nurse for animals), it was fascinating in the common grounds and the differences within the two fields. The author suffered through some of the most difficult and harshest environments--ten years in the ER as well as intensive care, as well as the night shift. She spent a short time on the "med" floors and found it didn't provide the stimulation and adrenaline rush that occurs in an ER and was able to find a day shift in the CCU (cardiac care unit)

I can completely understand--from working in the field of veterinary medicine--in both general practice as well as the 24 hr ER/ICU. Although I am not a doctor, I am a "vet tech" (or certified veterinary nurse). Some in the medical field prefer the slow routine pace of general practice while others like the author (and myself) thrive on the hurried, sometimes chaotic, but always challenging pace. For me, it was the ER (and often the nighttime shift) while, for her it was the CCU, the cardiac care unit of the hospital (a daytime shift because she couldn't handle the night shift)

Whether you are in the medical field or not, this book is definitely worth reading as it gives you a glimpse into the life of a true intensive care nurse--and all the hurdles she had to jump to get there.

