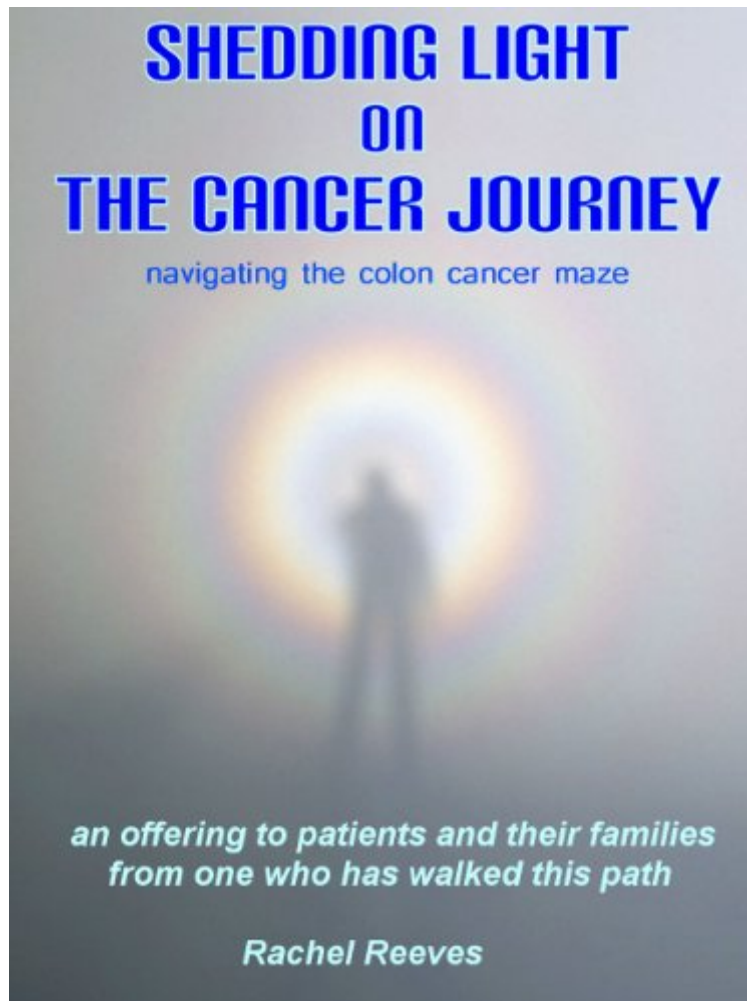


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Shedding Light On The Cancer Journey: Navigating The Colon Cancer Maze



Synopsis

EDITORIAL REVIEW "You have created an incredibly valuable book. As a Professional Patient Advocate, I can tell you the experiences you are sharing through your first-person voice are amazingly common and your solutions are very direct and very accurate. This is information that only comes, unfortunately, from first-hand experience. Your book is like no other on the topic of any kind of cancer-- you combine education with real-life emotion. This is *the bible* on colon cancer from the patient's perspective. Your e-book serves a vital need. You are helping more people than you will ever know." (Sheryl Kurland, Patient Advocate, Orlando Patient Advocates)"I cannot begin to tell you how helpful and meaningful your writing is. My father was just diagnosed with colon cancer stage IV and I'm frantically searching for knowledge to help us with what lies ahead. Thank you for the priceless information (so far no one has even mentioned RFA to us or went through aspects of chemo you've pointed out) and the inspiration you're so generously providing. It is such a help for people in our situation." (daughter of colon cancer patient)"The web is packed with *inspirational babble*, *survivors' success stories* and the like. I praise your effort in publishing a factual, clinical account of what your husband has been through. It helps a lot more than uplifting pats on the shoulder and gives me the chance to explore new alleys in the colon cancer nightmare my mother is facing." (Nuno, son of a colon cancer patient)"Your book has helped me to understand the pros and cons of the road ahead." (Kaitlyn, colon cancer patient)PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONCancer patients learn very quickly that figuring out how *The Medical System* works (and does not work) is often more daunting than the actual cancer treatments themselves. Many discover that their questions far outnumber the satisfactory answers available from their doctors and nurses. The author found herself in this position when her husband of 40 years was diagnosed with colon cancer after emergency surgery for a ruptured colon. It didn't take long for her to realize that in order to get the kind of excellent care promised by their HMO, she would have to become a virtual medical researcher and dedicated patient advocate as well. This book, based on nine journals of extensive notes recorded on a daily basis, details their four-year journey through the medical maze and all the headaches and heartaches along the way. Much more than one family's story, it takes a much larger perspective by examining the individual details in order to extrapolate universal truths that apply to all cancer patients: the things your doctor or pharmacist doesn't tell you, how this patient and his wife made the system work for them, side effects that aren't on any labels, cutting-edge technology that gave this patient a precious extra year of quality time, and much more. The chapter titles in this book tell all: *Why Do Oncologists Underplay or Ignore the Side Effects of Chemotherapy?**Blood Clots and IVC Filters* " *What Every Cancer Patient Needs to*

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Truly Excellent HospiceThe result is an examination of all aspects of the cancer journey; not only
the physical and medical, but more importantly, the mental, emotional and spiritual. This book was
written with the goal of lessening the suffering of countless future colon cancer patients by sharing
the experiences and accumulated wisdom of one family.

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Customer Reviews

Remarkable book - not just for colon cancer patients, but for all cancer patients and their family members. Actually, I wish hospital staff would read it too. Best aspect is the encouragement to ask questions and seek alternatives. Similarly helpful is the encouragement to make a request when personal needs are met by the routine process, and to put the request in writing when necessary.

Specific examples from real situations make this an easy to follow practical handbook. The detailed, heart touching examples from real life lend conviction to this very practical guide. As a psychologist, I think this book has special value to anyone feeling hopelessly, helplessly enmeshed in a care system to a point where they cannot effectively communicate their doubts, fears, and questions.

Read this to get educated to help my parent going through a similar situation. Quite a handful of practical tips to navigate through critical medical care and the treatment itself

The seemingly simple issues are not simple at all when having to communicate to healthcare personnel. This portion of the journal/book will be an immeasurable help to me thru my husbands fast-approaching end-of-CANCER battle

I bought this book because my husband was in treatment for advanced colon cancer. I thought it might give me support for the difficulty of my experience. But it didn't. I found that reading about her husband's process was not helpful. I already had way too much immersion in cancer treatments and the awfulness of the illness to spend my spare time with more of it. The similarities between the process in the book and what I faced were not strong enough for it to be of help. I didn't even finish it.

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