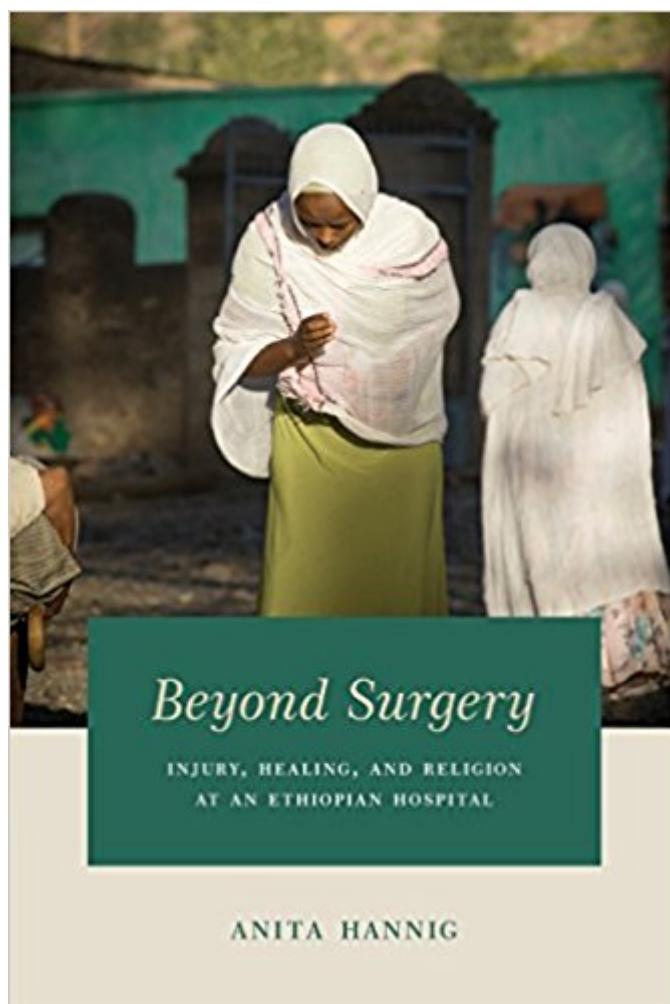


The book was found

Beyond Surgery: Injury, Healing, And Religion At An Ethiopian Hospital



Synopsis

Over the past few decades, maternal childbirth injuries have become a potent symbol of Western biomedical intervention in Africa, affecting over one million women across the global south. Western-funded hospitals have sprung up, offering surgical sutures that ostensibly allow women who suffer from obstetric fistula to return to their communities in full health. Journalists, NGO staff, celebrities, and some physicians have crafted a stock narrative around this injury, depicting afflicted women as victims of a backward culture who have their fortunes dramatically reversed by Western aid. With *Beyond Surgery*, medical anthropologist Anita Hannig unsettles this picture for the first time and reveals the complicated truth behind the idea of biomedical intervention as quick-fix salvation. Through her in-depth ethnography of two repair and rehabilitation centers operating in Ethiopia, Hannig takes the reader deep into a world inside hospital walls, where women recount stories of loss and belonging, shame and delight. As she chronicles the lived experiences of fistula patients in clinical treatment, Hannig explores the danger of labeling the culprit, showing how this common argument ignores the larger problem of insufficient medical access in rural Africa. *Beyond Surgery* portrays the complex social outcomes of surgery in an effort to deepen our understanding of medical missions in Africa, expose cultural biases, and clear the path toward more effective ways of delivering care to those who need it most.

Book Information

Paperback: 256 pages

Publisher: University Of Chicago Press (April 24, 2017)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 022645729X

ISBN-13: 978-0226457291

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.6 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 12 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars 3 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #101,718 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #4 in Books > History > Africa > Ethiopia #20 in Books > History > Africa > East Africa #56 in Books > Medical Books > Medicine > Internal Medicine > Obstetrics & Gynecology

Customer Reviews

The genius of ethnography often involves finding a practice or idea the examination of which conjures up unexpected larger insights. Hannig finds just this kind of topic in fistula repair

surgery in northern Ethiopia—both for the cultural worlds of women patients and foreign missionary doctors. Beyond Surgery is a major achievement of writing and analysis. (Donald L. Donham, University of California, Davis) “In this incisive and immensely insightful study, Hannig moves beyond the hype of heroic surgery to examine the complex social, moral, and aesthetic landscape—the interplay of science and sanctity, loss and recovery—that comprises the intricate work of care, here as everywhere. (Jean Comaroff, Harvard University) “Hannig has written an important and deeply touching testament to the practical importance of long-term careful ethnographic research in global health. Beyond Surgery has profound implications for debates on global health disparities. It deserves to be read by anthropologists and practitioners alike. (Stacey Langwick, Cornell University)

Anita Hannig is assistant professor of anthropology at Brandeis University, in Massachusetts.
A

“Beyond Surgery is imminently accessible and has the intellectual vigor necessary to keep you engaged. I found the critical and intimate lens through which Hannig examines the danger of single-story narratives incredibly illuminating. In doing so, she asks us to question other commonly known, however misleading, stories in medicine and development. Her approach is refreshing and offers up a humbling perspective. It was a very enjoyable read, and I have recommended the book to many friends. A must read for people interested in broadening their minds and gaining a more well-informed, global perspective.

This book has had a huge effect on my understanding of obstetric fistula. Hannig is fearless as she challenges the prevailing narrative surrounding fistula and refocuses our attention on the important, and often overlooked, cause of this medical condition: poor access to healthcare. The book is engaging and powerful as a must read for all who are interested in understanding the cultural roots and consequences of this, and similar, health challenges for women worldwide.

This is such an important book! It opened my eyes to the complexity of obstetric fistula in Africa and really challenged my perspective on biomedical intervention. The writing is riveting, and the content sparked a lot of conversation in class. I would highly recommend for anyone interested in anthropology, social sciences, global health, or development. I know I will be returning to this book

again and again, not only for rich insight it brings to this issue, but also for the pleasure of reading it!

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Beyond Surgery: Injury, Healing, and Religion at an Ethiopian Hospital Amazing Ethiopian Foods - The Best Ethiopian Cookbook: Have Fun Cooking Ethiopian Food One vast hospital: The Civil War hospital sites in Frederick, Maryland after Antietam : with detailed hospital patient list Lonely Planet Ethiopian Amharic Phrasebook & Dictionary (Lonley Planet. Ethiopian Amharic Phrasebook) Winning Personal Injury Cases: A Personal Injury Lawyer's Guide to Compensation in Personal Injury Litigation Healing: Reclaim Your Health: Self Healing Techniques: Fasting, Meditation, Prayer, Healing Medicine, and Energy Work (Channeling, Shamanism, Chakra Healing, ... Qigong Healing, Ayahuasca Book 1) Crystals and Gemstones: Healing The Body Naturally (Chakra Healing, Crystal Healing, Self Healing, Reiki Healing) Gastric Sleeve Diet: A Comprehensive Gastric Sleeve Weight Loss Surgery Diet Guide (Gastric Sleeve Surgery, Gastric Sleeve Diet, Bariatric Surgery, Weight Loss Surgery, Maximizing Success Rate) Clinical Anesthesia Procedures of the Massachusetts General Hospital: Department of Anesthesia, Critical Care and Pain Medicine, Massachusetts General ... of the Massachusetts General Hospital) Clinical Anesthesia Procedures of the Massachusetts General Hospital: Department of Anesthesia and Critical Care, Massachusetts General Hospital, ... Williams & Wilkins Handbook Series) Hospital Epidemiology and Infection Control (HOSPITAL EPIDEMIOLOGY & INFECTION CONTROL (MAYHALL)) The Massachusetts General Hospital/McLean Hospital Residency Handbook of Psychiatry Reiki: The Healing Energy of Reiki - Beginner's Guide for Reiki Energy and Spiritual Healing: Reiki: Easy and Simple Energy Healing Techniques Using the ... Energy Healing for Beginners Book 1) Crystals: The Ultimate Guide To: Energy Fields, Auras, Chakras and Emotional Healing (Aura, Healing Stones, Crystal Energy, Crystal Healing, Energy Fields, Emotional Healing, Gemstone) Crystal Healing: Simple Guide To Understanding The Benefits Of Crystals (Healing Stones ,Energy Healing,Crystal Healing Book 2) Crystal Healing: The Ultimate Reference Guide To Understanding The Benefits of Crystals (Healing Stones, Energy Healing, Crystal Healing, Chakras Book 1) Crystal Healing: The Ultimate Reference Guide To Understanding The Benefits of Crystals (Healing Stones, Energy Healing, Crystal Healing, Chakras) Rsi: Repetitive Strain Injury : Repetitive Strain Injury, Carpal Tunnel Syndrome and Other Office Numbers (Thorsons Health) 21st Century VA Independent Study Course: Medical Care of Persons with Spinal Cord Injury, Autonomic Nervous System, Symptoms, Treatment, Related Diseases, Motor Neuron Injury, Autonomic Dysreflexia Managing Spinal Cord Injury A Guide to Living Well with Spinal Cord Injury

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)