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Baby City



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Synopsis

There are only three things in this world that are certain: death, taxes, and babies. Nobody knows this truth better than Emily McCoy, a third year resident working in Baby City, the affectionate nickname for the busy Labor and Delivery unit at a New York City hospital. On a typical day in Baby City, Emily delivers more babies than the number of hours of sleep she manages to squeeze in that night. And definitely more than the number of dates she's been on since she started her training in OB/GYN two years earlier. As Emily works tirelessly to safely herald baby after baby after baby (after baby) into the world, she becomes well acquainted with the three hard facts of Baby City: 1) Babies never come when you want them to. 2) Babies always come when you don't want them to. 3) You don't know who your true friends are until your baby is sliding down the birth canal.

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Customer Reviews

Good read about working in Labor & Delivery as a resident. I liked reading the stories of women in labor and the various things that happened to them. Of course, as is always the case in the medical world, there were some good outcomes and some that were not. Some of what went on was

surprising and it made me wonder how they kept their jobs, but I guess maybe things like that really do happen. I usually like these types of books and while it was good, I'd have preferred a little less focus on the romance and more on patients and their situations. I felt very sorry for the medical student and if that's how they're typically treated, I'm shocked that we have any doctors left.

Great story, held my interest, so much I could hardly wait to get a chance during the day to get back to the story. Doctors and residents, nurses, and their relationships in this story draw you into their lives and you feel you are standing right next to them as the story unfolds. This story has a green eyed Dr and another Dr who fall in love, both have baggage from former relationships, so they work side by side throughout the book. The intern who passes out in the operating room whenever she has to assist with a c-section. Love, surgery, delivering babies, and a busy ob/gyn section of a hospital - if you are interested in those things you will love the book.

Another brilliant Freida McFadden novel - I just loved it! As a mom of two I adored the main characters' no-nonsense take on her profession. It's a fast read that really gives you a sense of the waves and waves of babies born at a hospital - it's an overwhelming job, but the women in this story are tough, stick together, know each other well enough to be a team that does what's best for the patients. I laughed, I learned some eye-opening things about life as an OB/GYN resident, I loved the warm-hearted ending.

I definitely give 5 stars for this book. I am a retired neonatal nurse so all the medical language was 100% it was like walking down Memory lane. I truly enjoyed it and was sorry it had to end. Good Job

I read this book in almost one sitting, I just couldn't put it down. As I said in my review of *The Devil Wears Scrubs*, the use of medical jargon was accurate and used in proper context, making this book intense but still a fun read. I giggled out loud, cringed and groaned in frustration, and went 'awe' as the story ended.

As a physician I found this book to be a hilarious take on the life of residents and medical students during training. The author has a sharp, witty and totally engaging grasp of hospital life at its least attractive and this is what makes it so much fun to read. While not touchy feely, the humanity of the characters shines through. It is a great read for anyone who likes medical humor that does not take itself too seriously. I also highly recommend the author's *"Suicide Med"*. It is a deeper exploration of

medical education and training and will not disappoint.

Altho this book is supposed to be a true story, I wonder if it is a work of fiction. I have been a labor nurse for 37 years and have worked in private and teaching hospitals. The residents that I worked with were very different from "Dr. McCoy". I realize that being an OB-Gyn resident is a hard job and entails many consecutive hours "on call". However, Dr. McCoy is portrayed as a "bitter" person and not very happy with her personnel or professional life. She almost seems proud of the fact that she treated "her" medical student so horribly. Her job is supposed to be a mentor to the student - not just criticize what she describes as the medical student's weaknesses. The way she spoke to her patients was deplorable. Some of the clinical experiences depicted were absolutely ludicrous - i.e doing a pelvic exam on a patient without providing any privacy. This doctor was obviously "burned out" before she completed her residency. I am glad that I didn't work in "Baby City". This book was a waste of my time and money...

I don't understand the negative reviews. It was a delightful NOVEL filled with memorable characters. Emily, Holly, Ted, Caroline and Erichad interesting times in Baby City. I didn't guffaw, but I laughed and snickered.

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