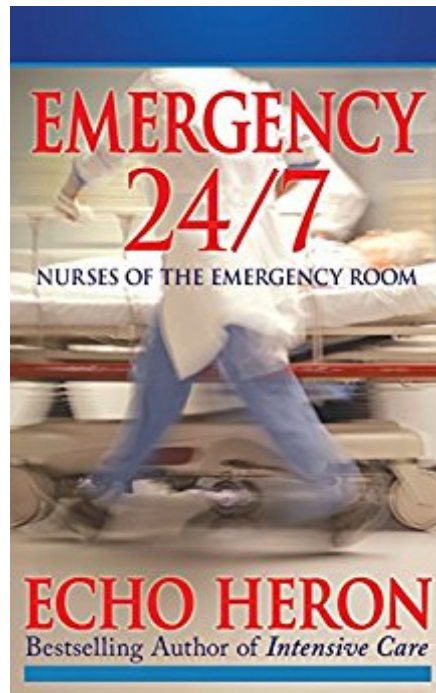




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Echo Heron presents riveting and unforgettable narratives from emergency room nurses across the nation. *EMERGENCY 24/7: Nurses of the Emergency Room*, portrays thirty-one nurses, each with a distinctive voice and unique view of what really goes on behind the closed doors of the secret and chaotic world of the emergency room. Also included are the moment-by-moment chronicles of eleven nurses who worked in New York City and Washington, D.C., on September 11, 2001. These compelling accounts give new perspectives on the horrors and heroics of that tragic day. Ranging from inspiring to heart-rending to outrageously funny, these gripping narratives make *EMERGENCY 24/7* a fascinating and provocative book—a fitting tribute to the frontline nurses.

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Customer Reviews

I have read other books by Echo Heron, but this is definitely one of her best. Each chapter is a vignette about ER nursing, and the author includes humorous stories with great pathos, and most important, the feelings of ER nurses. We are shown how nurses are not always stoic and cold;

rather, the author exposes us to their true feelings on each case. Like the children that are lost, and how it truly hits the heart and soul of those caring for them. There are many chapters on 9/11. How gut-wrenching this must have been knowing how many individuals, in spite of the best efforts of the nurses, cannot be saved, and how it really hurts these healers. Some are funny outrageous stories, but some are so cut wrenching it hurts. You will laugh, you will cry, but most importantly, you will get an honest appraisal and a true appreciation for what nurses do.

Great book -all first hand accounts of the working world of ER nurses. Many lay people might have trouble believing that some things in the book actually happened (like the soccer mom who couldn't understand why a patient in full cardiac arrest was treated before her son's minor injury), but I am sure most nurses have experienced something similar in their career. The stories range from hear-breaking to hilarious. Some stories about jaded healthcare professionals made me cringe, but the work sadly has that effect on some people. This is a must-read for any nurse and I think non-nurses will enjoy it as well.

I am also a nurse who is currently working in a psychiatric unit. I could totally relate to the passion and dedication I feel no matter what kind of crap you have to deal with. I have seen all sorts of ways people try to destroy themselves. I have been called names hit had body fluids spewed on me and seen both the worst and best of the human race! The most noble nursing I ever did was to work as a Hospice nurse for ten years. I have the greatest admiration for the ER nurse. I tried it for a year in a Children's Hospital but that was emotionally tough when a child died. I can't even begin to imagine something like 9/11. I am 72 years old and just can't seem to retire. I love my profession.

Some of the stories are quite grueling to read, even for a nurse. The stories, both wrenching and those with gallows humor ring true. While there is pride in the profession, there is still the problem that nurses, 'eat their own' and run down nurses in other specialties. It weakens us as a group and at times shows up in this book. Bless those who dig into the unimaginable on a daily basis in healthcare, and still care.

I read this book in a day, unable to put it down. I have been out of the ER for nearly nine years now, but the non-9-11 stories brought it all back. Working in smaller ERs, I never had to take part in an actual disaster, but reading the other stories made me feel that I was there again. For the 9-11 nurses: you ARE heroes. Most of us do what we do because.....this is what we do, but the ones who

cared for the victims of 9-11 are a step above that.

Echo Heron delivers once again! I have read all of her books about nurses, and this one is not to be missed. Among other nurse stories, she gives voice to nurses who worked at Ground Zero. This is a POV I have not been able to find, until now. Echo was persistent in getting these stories told. Kudos to her! A must read for all nurses, and anyone interested in nurses' intimate experience with the tragic devastation on 9/11.

I liked the format of the book: essays by many different ER nurses at various ages and stages of their careers. Some stories were horrifying, some were appalling, but all showed how hard nurses work and what thankless jobs they have. And some stories actually had happy endings. I am going to look for more of Ms. Heron's books on my Kindle.

Having read Echo Heron's first book on her life as an Intensive Care nurse and the following one Condition Critical several years ago I was so pleased she had written another book on true episodes not only in her life and the lives of other Nurses but especially this one which was particularly interesting covering experiences on 9/11. I ordered this book immediately I saw the name of the author. A first class read.

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