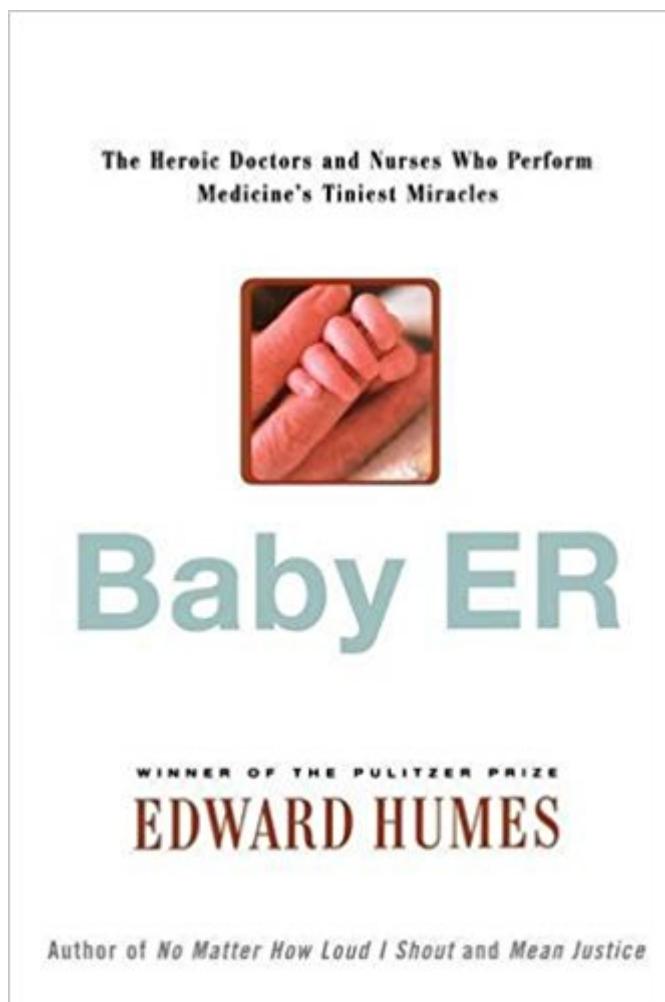


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# Baby ER: The Heroic Doctors And Nurses Who Perform Medicine's Tinies Miracles



## Synopsis

Mientras que más de catorce millones de norteamericanos sufren de diabetes, la proporción se incrementa de manera considerable entre la población hispana, ya que los hispanos tienen dos veces mayor propensión de desarrollar esta enfermedad que otros grupos. Las estadísticas señalan que al llegar a los cuarenta y cinco años de edad, uno de cada diez hispanos estará enfermo de diabetes. Despúes de los cuarenta y cinco años, uno de cada cuatro hispanos habrá sido diagnosticado con este padecimiento. La diabetes es un padecimiento complicado que amenaza la vida misma, pero hoy en día a los diabéticos pueden reducir sus riesgos y llegar a tener una vida más duradera, feliz, y productiva si cuentan con un plan para el manejo y control de su tratamiento. El Manual Joslin para la Diabetes, elaborado por el famoso Centro Joslin para la Diabetes, es el libro más adecuado para la atención personal, indispensable para todos aquellos que padecen esta enfermedad. El Centro Joslin para la Diabetes es considerado como el instituto de investigación y clínica más importante del mundo en el estudio y el tratamiento de este mal, lo que hace al Manual Joslin para la Diabetes el libro más actual en la materia. Escrito bajo la dirección del doctor Richard Beaser, en colaboración con Joan Hill y un equipo de expertos, en este libro se presentan todos los aspectos esenciales para que los propios pacientes sean quienes controlen su enfermedad. Se trata de un libro práctico, actualizado, y accesible, escrito en un lenguaje claro y sencillo. Se apoya en gráficas y cuadros sobre qué, cómo y cuándo comer; cómo verificar el contenido de los azúcares en la sangre; cómo administrar insulina y medicamentos por vía oral; cómo controlar las alzas y bajas de azúcar; y cómo y cuándo hacer ejercicio.

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## Customer Reviews

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Humes (Mean Justice; etc.) spent a year observing life inside the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at the Miller Children's Hospital in Long Beach, Calif. In this heart-stopping account of medical prowess, triumph and tragedy, Humes writes about 11 critically ill premature babies (seven of whom survive). According to the author, premature births are on the rise for a number of reasons, including the wide use of fertility treatments, which have resulted in many more high-risk premature multiple births. Many premature births, however, are unanticipated; in some cases, it is unclear why they occur, while in others, a mother's drug addiction or undetected genetic disorder plays a role. The author portrays both the commitment and skill of the medical professionals who perform technologically advanced surgical and treatment miracles on newborns who often cannot eat or breathe on their own, singling out the indispensable role of the overworked and underpaid neonatal nurses, who provide not only physical care to infants, but also emotional support to the parents. Humes is also clear about the economic realities of neonatology, "a growth business" which he attributes to insurance companies' fear of denying coverage in the face of negative publicity and huge public support for this special and specialized area of medicine and NICUs' resulting profitability, "which is why they are being scarfed up by Wall Street medical conglomerates." Readers who are drawn to tales of medical emergencies and victories will take to this title. There will be a 20-city radio satellite tour and local publicity in southern California, where the author resides. (Nov.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

By concentrating on infants in the ER, Humes adds uniquely to the literature on that most emotional of medical theaters. Humes' daughter was in the ER for "seven terrible days," and what he saw and felt moved him to write about the doctors, nurses, parents, and children who come to a baby ER--specifically, the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Miller Children's Hospital, Long Beach, California. Miller's NICU offers two major features: a new, "step-down" arrangement, in which babies can be moved to a less intensive area of the NICU when they become stronger, and an administrative arrangement controlled by doctors. Humes describes the varied NICU experiences of several babies and their parents; some end happily, some don't. His accounts of the relationships between parents, nurses (the backbone of the staff), and physicians are empathetic and never

soap-operatic. The people he portrays are real, and Humes' treatment makes them appealing. Meanwhile, the administrative problems and takeover pressures he also portrays provide lessons in contemporary medicine, good and bad. William BeattyCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I saw this book accidentally from searching for a different book. It was an amazing read. Pretty cool because I was born in that same hospital! As a future nurse, it gives insight on what goes on and the reality of what will/can happen. I really enjoyed reading this.

The book was in great condition, everything as it should be.

I am a big fan of true stories, especially of hospital miracles and the doctors and nurses who act as the angels there! I would absolutely recommend this book to my friends! I am thrilled to add this book to my collection along with the Angels In the ER series by Dr. Robert D. Lesslie.

As the mother of a multi-handicapped child, it's difficult to describe to others the roller coaster of our daily lives. This book captures it all, the doctors, nurses, therapists, parents, and always the babies. Impossible to put down as you follow the infants ups and downs, learning the history, politics, and management of the modern NICU (neonatal intensive care unit). This should earn Edward Humes another Pulitzer. I'm buying it as a present for my own daughter's neonatologist/pediatrician.

I gave this to my son who is the father of a preemie. He said it was so good that he was going to loan it to me to read also. My son is a Ph.D. candidate and has a lot of reading to do, so any additional book has to be really good.

"Baby ER" is an incredibly dramatic story of hope, fear, miracles, and joy. For parents like myself who have experienced this situation, it will be like revisiting an unforgettable time in our lives. For those who have had the wondrous luck of never having walked in those particular shoes, it is an eye-opening account of a world known to a few. I appreciated the fact that Humes drew from his own first-hand knowledge of what the parents go through during this stressful time. In documenting the stories of three different families during their stays from the critical first hours of life to the unforgettable conclusions, he tells each story with sensitivity and compassion, as a father who has been there should. This is an outstanding book that should be shared with anyone going through

this situation, and with every doctor, nurse, and other health-care professional who might be connected with the care of children.

Once you have started the emotional roller-coaster ride with these families and their sick children you cannot stop and put the book down. You are there...right there in the NICU with these families. Your stomach is churning and your heart is breaking as if it is your child that you are looking at through the glass, unable to hold or even touch. From genetic disorders, to drug abuse in expectant mothers, to no explanation... it just happens... you feel the days turning into what seems like a lifetime for these parents (and in some cases literally is a lifetime). The author pulls you in and does not let you go until you have experienced every set-back and milestone imaginable in a newborn's life. Because of the dedication of the doctors and nurses who go above and beyond and their remarkable ability to save these precious lives, you are left feeling hopeful, having shed a lot of tears, but smiling throughout. Read this book and the next hug you give your own child...Oh, what a feeling and a gift!

This book is very interesting and moving; giving an up-to-date account of neonatal intensive care; of the amazing advances that have been made in recent years; and of some of the drastic medical mistakes that were made in the recent past. There are frightening stories with happy endings; and a few incredibly sad stories: the baby who crashes with massive infection after apparent recovery; the baby whose brain is irreversibly damaged by her mother's drug use. I nearly gave it 5 stars, but think that a few episodes are described a little too journalistically: and/or simplistically: for example, the issue of \*why\* some mothers take drugs and neglect prenatal care is not perhaps considered sufficiently. But an important book.

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