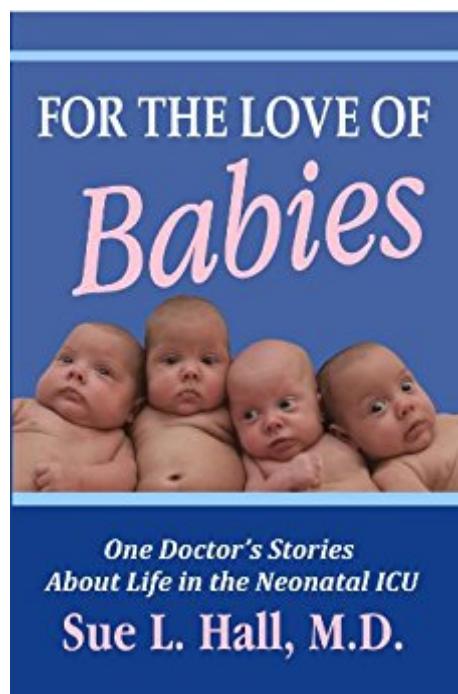


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For The Love Of Babies: One Doctor's Stories About Life In The Neonatal ICU



Synopsis

What takes place in the neonatal intensive care unit is the high drama of real life. The author pulls back the curtain to show the inner workings of this area in the hospital that is unfamiliar and frightening to most people. Hall, a longtime neonatologist and former social worker, writes with caring and compassion about the challenges each fragile baby must surmount in order to survive and thrive, all the while conveying a sense of life-and-death urgency that permeates neonatal intensive care. She expertly weaves the social and emotional threads of each family's journey into their baby's story, and also speaks candidly about the stresses and difficult decisions that neonatologists and their tiny patients' parents routinely face. Taken all together, the sixteen stories give an insightful, vivid and moving portrayal of life in the high-stakes world of the neonatal intensive care unit. This book is for anyone who has wondered how doctors and nurses work under intense pressure to diagnose and treat the smallest of patients, and how parents of these infants cope with the emotional ups and downs that are part the daily rhythms of life in the NICU.

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A deeply loving and compassionate book, for me, it was a revelation, an access to an unfamiliar and often frightening world, a world parents would not choose to enter. Dr. Sue Hall offers a series of short stories that are moving in their ability to introduce the reader to diverse families and babies. We journey with them through their difficult times. We journey with the doctors and nurses as they work under many pressures, see how they approach and make difficult decisions. Dr. Hall is able to hold the reader's attention with her clear prose and her ability to reveal frustrations and vulnerability, humility and triumphs and in doing so, she elicits both an emotional and intellectual response. I was fascinated to learn of the social contexts in which the hospitals exist and the history of neonatal care and related ethics. There is interesting additional information and links that many readers will find helpful. Importantly, the short stories feel safe to read. Hope shimmers through all of them, in an honest way, whether the outcome of care is happy or sad. This book should appeal to many readers because it reminds us what it is to be human. I highly recommend.

This is a "MUST READ" for anyone who has ever experienced life in the NICU world... as a parent, family member or caregiver. Even Hospital Administrators and Supervisors should read this book to catch a glimpse into what NICU professionals deal with every day in a 24/7 environment! I have been an NICU RN for over 30 years, and LOVE what I do! Some days are hard, some days are great, but almost every day brings such an indescribable personal satisfaction... to know that I have made a difference in the life of a baby and their family! I have also worked side by side with Dr. Sue Hall, before she moved back to Kansas, and know first hand the compassionate care that she consistently gives to ALL in her tender care. It is no surprise to me that Dr. Hall penned such an incredible book! A MUST READ...and also a great gift for someone you know who works in the NICU!

Rarely do we get a glimpse into what it takes to deal with these perilous premature births, on the part of the parents and the medical team, not to mention the baby. The stories are well-selected. Dr Hall gives explicit medical and sociological background. The chapter titles are thoughtfully and cleverly chosen - each made me wonder what would happen. Dr Hall gives us pause to think about the quality of care for neonatal births, teen pregnancy and the affects of drugs and alcohol on

babies - all worthwhile topics for improvement in our health care system. Our providers deal with a lot while valiantly saving the lives and capabilities of these babies. I especially appreciate Dr Hall's ability to convey her humanity. She doesn't always know what to do. Mistakes happen. And people are people.

An interesting perspective of a neo's whole hearted experience of working with patients of the most fragile kind. The fears, the hopes, the constant battle of life and morality involved in the nicu is astonishing.

Fast ship and great quality

Great book, quick delivery

Excellent

As a preemie Mom of 25 week twins, I LOVED reading all of the preemie stories. It made me cry at times and made me so proud of my twins and our preemie story. Such an easy read and would recommend it for anyone. If you have a preemie get this book.

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