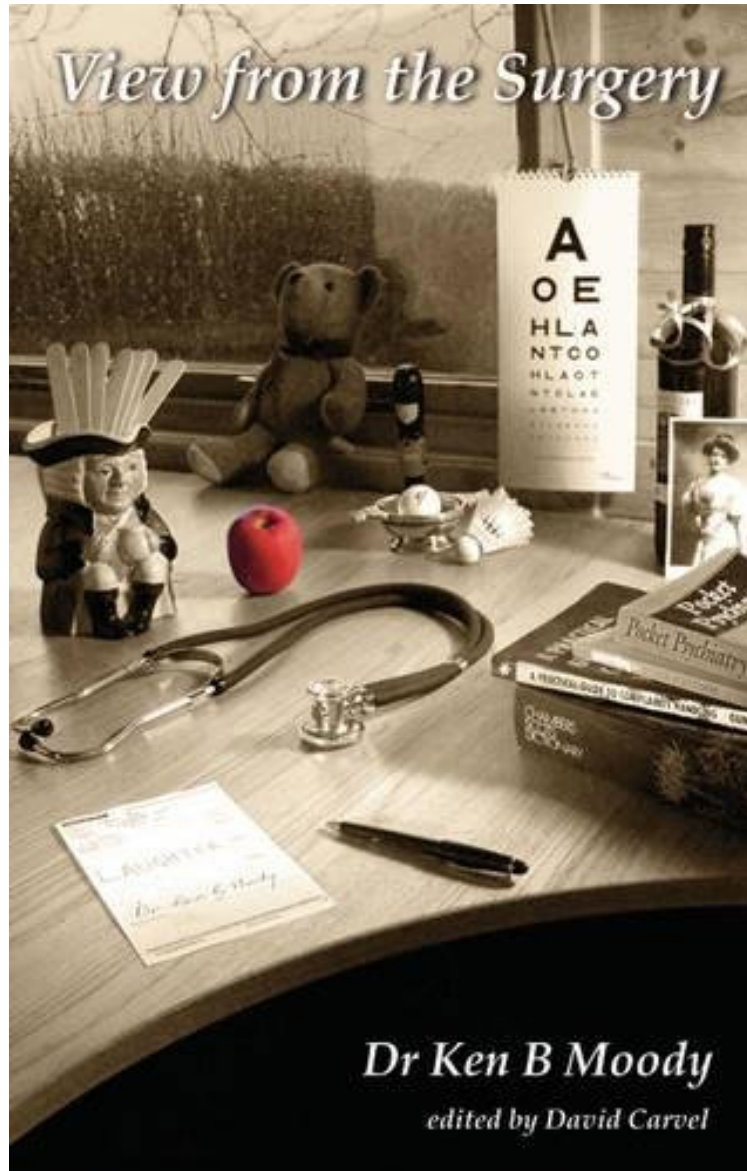


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A whiff of Calvinism and mothballsBy FelixAs a Canadian of Scottish origin, I experienced a big wave of nostalgia on reading this book. Dr Ken B Moody, self-styled curmudgeon, has a whiff of Calvinism as well as mothballs about him, as he reveals what goes on behind the mask of medical

inscrutability and says it like it is. He can be funny, frustrated, lugubrious, moralising, self-deprecating in the course of one anecdote and his ubiquitous satire is directed as much at himself as at his patients. Dispersed in the social comment are choice fragments of information on everything from bowels and brain cells to badminton and John Buchan. He also provides thoughtful and , frequently, helpful insights into painful aspects of the human condition, like cancer, bereavement or Alzheimer's Disease. His style is fluent and humorous and, like a schoolboy, he enjoys puns, with cleverly contrived patients' names that make you laugh out loud. (My personal favourite is that of the local tradesmen, "Whyte Vaughn Mann".) This is a book to be dipped into at many levels. It would be a splendid alternative to the dated magazines in Dr Ken's or Phil MacCavity the dentist's surgery!

An hilarious but poignant series of articles describing the cases of the many colourful characters who consult Dr Ken B Moody. Never has a book detailed the doctor-patient relationship with such humour and insight. Loveable old curmudgeon Dr Moody is a general practitioner in the beautiful Scottish Borders, who writes of his experiences in a regular column in local newspapers. Now, for the first time, he has kindly agreed for his friend and confidant David Carvel to select and assemble the best of these articles for a wider readership. This volume contains a greater mixture of anecdotes and medical cases than a dispensary full of pills. It is hoped that they do not leave the reader feeling light-headed, nauseated or having an urgent need to visit the lavatory. Rather, they may be just the tonic you need. Like medication, it is suggested that these vignettes are not consumed in one go; instead it is respectfully advised that the reader returns at specified intervals for measured and therapeutic doses.