

GLOBAL HEALTH LAB

Selected books on global health, healthcare in low-resource settings, and related policy contexts

The easiest reads are Kidder's two books; also very readable are Ansell's vivid picture of challenges over the years in an urban public hospital in the US, and Smillie's excellent portrait of BRAC's evolution. Crisp offers a big-picture view of global health, as do the texts by Levine and Skolnik, with the former focusing on public health and the latter covering a wide range of topics in a traditional instructive style. Books on development approaches are lively and include one by MIT's Bannerjee and Duflo, another by their colleagues Karlan and Appel, and controversial thinkers Cohen and Easterly, among others. The older books, plus such selections as the Farmer reader, offer deeper backgrounds, as indicated below.

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New to the issues? Select from these:

Ansell, David. 2011. **County: Life, Death and Politics at Chicago's Public Hospital**. Academy Chicago Publishers.

Banerjee, Abhijit and Esther Duflo. 2011. **Poor Economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty**. PublicAffairs.

Bornstein, David and Susan Davis. 2010. **Social Entrepreneurship: What Everyone Needs to Know**. Oxford University Press, USA.

Cohen, Jessica and Professor William Easterly (Editors). 2009. **What Works in Development? Thinking Big and Thinking Small**. Brookings Institution Press.

Crisp, Nigel. 2010. **Turning the World Upside Down: The Search for Global Health in the 21st Century**. Hodder Arnold Publishers.

Hanlon, Joseph, Armando Barrientos, and David Hulme. 2010. **Just Give Money to the Poor: The Development Revolution from the Global South**. Kumarian Press.

Karlan, Dean and Jacob Appel. 2011. **More Than Good Intentions: How a New Economics Is Helping to Solve Global Poverty**. Dutton.

Kidder, Tracy. 2004. **Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World**. Random House.

Kidder, Tracy. 2009. **Strength in What Remains**. Random House.

Mehta, Pavithra K. and Suchitra Shenoy. 2011. **Infinite Vision: How Aravind Became the World's Greatest Business Case for Compassion**. Berrett-Koehler Publishers.

Polak, Paul. 2009. **Out of Poverty: What Works When Traditional Approaches Fail**. Berrett-Koehler Publishers.

Smillie, Ian. 2009. **Freedom From Want: The Remarkable Success Story of BRAC, the Global Grassroots Organization That's Winning the Fight Against Poverty**. Kumarian Press.

Seeking more depth or a particular topic in global health? Consider the following:

Daar, Abdallah and Peter A. Singer. 2011. **The Grandest Challenge: Taking Life-Saving Science from Lab to Village**. Doubleday Canada.

Edwards, Michael, and David Hulme. 1996. **Beyond the Magic Bullet: NGO Performance and Accountability in the Post-Cold War World**. Kumarian Press.

Farmer, Paul, Haun Saussy (Editor), and Tracy Kidder (Foreword). 2010. **Partner to the Poor: A Paul Farmer Reader** (California Series in Public Anthropology). University of California Press.

Kim, Jim Yong, Joyce Millen, Alec Irwin and John Gershman (Editors). 2000. **Dying for Growth: Global Inequality and the Health of the Poor**. Common Courage Press.

Kleinman, Arthur. 1988. **The Illness Narratives: Suffering, Healing and the Human Condition**. Basic Books.

Levine, Ruth. 2007. **Case Studies in Global Health: Millions Saved** (Texts in the Essential Public). Jones & Bartlett Publishers.

Nutt, Samantha. 2011. **Damned Nations: Greed, Guns, Armies, and Aid**. Signal Books.

Roy, Jonathan. 2010. **Smallpox Zero: An Illustrated History of Smallpox and Its Eradication**. Johannesburg, South Africa: African Comic Production House.

Skolnik, Richard. 2011. **Global Health 101** (Essential Public Health). Jones & Bartlett Publishers.

Vaughan, Megan. 1991. **Curing Their Ills: Colonial Power and African Illness**. Stanford University Press.

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