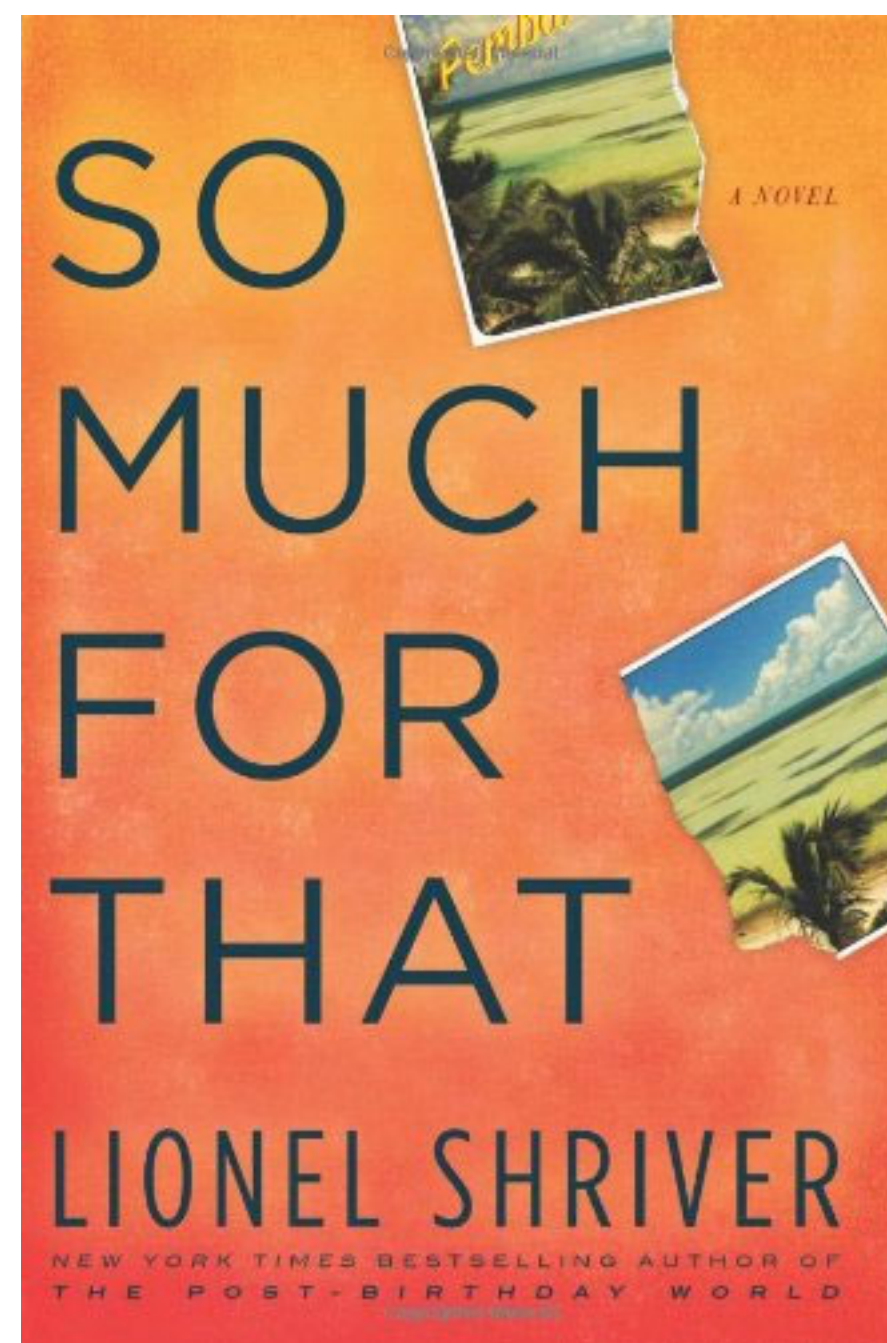


The Human Condition Curated

What's New



[Russell Teagarden on *So Much For That* by Lionel Shriver](#)

"While the question of whether cost can be a factor in health care decisions is the primary concern in the novel, Shriver also concentrates on the illness experience."

PATIENTLY WAITING FOR...



JEFF NISKER



[Jacalyn Duffin on *Patiently Waiting For...* by Jeffrey Nisker](#)

"Told in first person through two voices – Ruth's and the doctor's—this essay introduces a feisty, creative woman, capable of love and cruelty, caught in her plight of disability and the social shame of health care cutbacks and inequities."

"MAGNIFICENT AND SPELLBINDING." —DAVID McCULLOUGH

LEONARDO

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BY THE AUTHOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLERS

STEVE JOBS AND *EINSTEIN*

WALTER

ISAACSON

[Shawn Thomas on *Leonardo da Vinci* by Walter Isaacson](#)

"In this most recent biography, Isaacson takes us through the life and times of Leonardo, highlighting milestones of his career, while also underscoring some of the seemingly trivial habits that were signatures of Leonardo's personality and worldview."



J.M.
Coetzee

WINNER OF THE NOBEL PRIZE

Life & Times
of Michael K

A NOVEL



[Sebastian Galbo on *Life & Times of Michael K* by J. M. Coetzee](#)

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STITCHES

A MEMOIR



"A TRULY BEAUTIFUL
STORY AND BOOK."
- KEN TUCKER,
ENTERTAINMENT
WEEKLY

DAVID SMALL
NEW YORK TIMES #1 BESTSELLER

[Michael Natter on *Stitches* by David Small](#)

"*Stitches* is a beautifully crafted graphic novel by award winning writer and illustrator David Small. The memoir chronicles Smalls' life with chronic illness, focusing on his experience as a child and adolescent with cancer in the setting of an abusive upbringing."

Dr. Monika Renz



Hope and Grace

*Spiritual Experiences
in Severe Distress,
Illness and Dying*

[Marilyn McEntyre on *Hope and Grace: Spiritual Experiences in Severe Distress, Illness, and Dying* by Monika Renz](#)

"Dr. Monika Renz's work with dying patients is unusual if not unique in the way she appropriates and applies insights from Jungian depth psychology, practices available in patients' faith traditions, and musically guided meditation to invite and support the spiritual experiences that so often come, bidden or unbidden, near the end of life."

SLOW MEDICINE

THE WAY TO HEALING

VICTORIA SWEET

AUTHOR OF *GOD'S HOTEL*



[Albert Howard Carter on *Slow Medicine: The Way of Healing* by Victoria Sweet](#)

"Victoria Sweet describes her training in medical school, residency, and work in various clinics and hospitals. From all of these she forms her own sense of what medical care should include: "Slow Medicine" that uses, ironically, the best aspects of today's "Fast" medicine."

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *DO NO HARM*

Henry Marsh

"The Knousgaard
of neurosurgery. . .
Marsh writes like
a novelist."
— *The New Yorker*



admissions

life as a brain surgeon

[Tony Miksanek on *Admissions: Life as a Brain Surgeon* by Henry Marsh](#)

"In this follow-up to his masterful memoir *Do No Harm*, British neurosurgeon Henry Marsh must deal with old age and retirement after nearly four decades as a doctor."

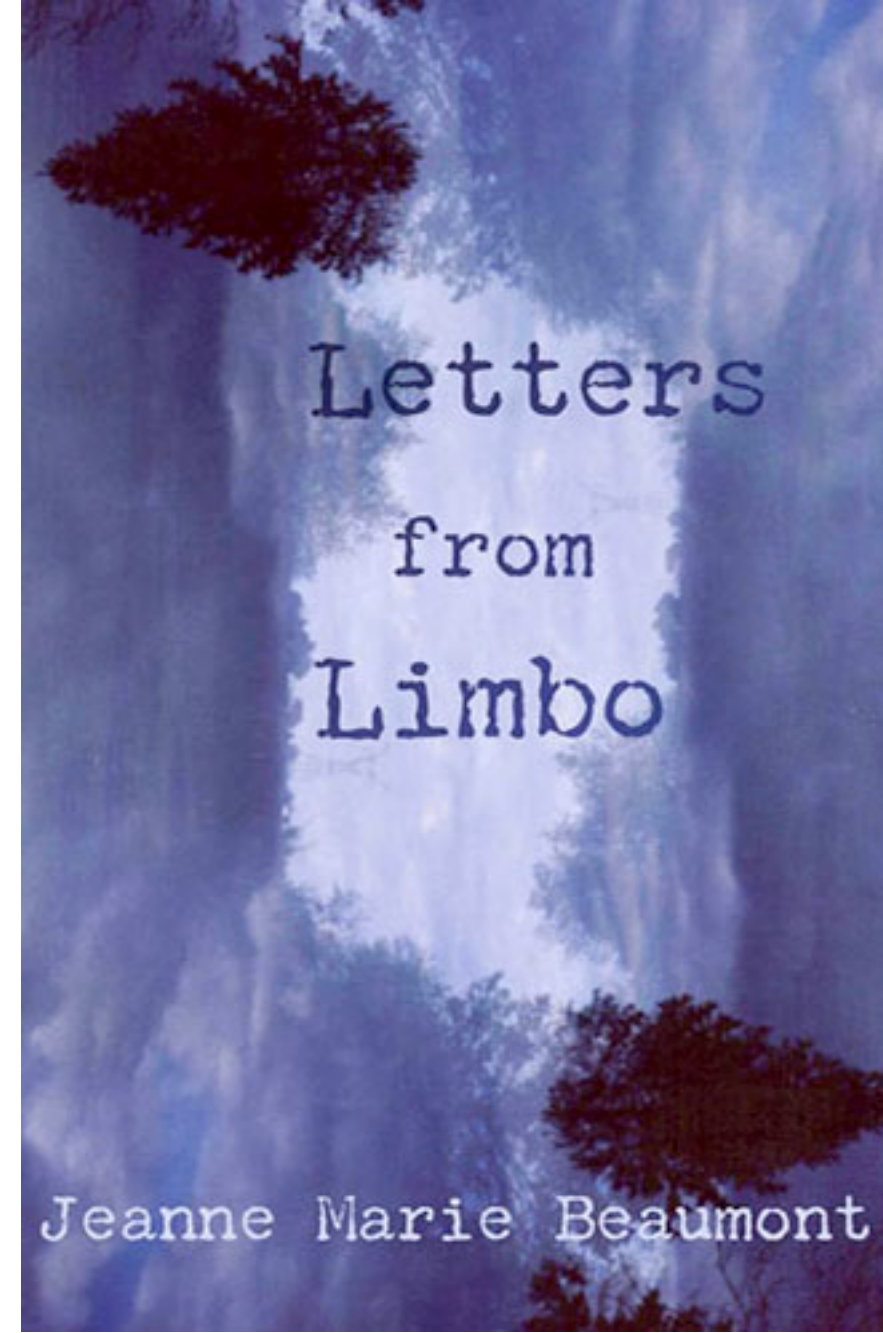
Mandatory Evacuation Zone

Felice Aull



[Cortney Davis on *Mandatory Evacuation Zone* by Felice Aull](#)

"Felice Aull has gathered 63 beautifully crafted poems in which she examines the intricacies of language and loss, of grief and healing."



Letters
from
Limbo

Jeanne Marie Beaumont

[Mark Clark on *Letters from Limbo* by Jeanne Marie Beaumont](#)

"This collection of poems is a memoir in verse: it is a lyric and epistolary exploration of what it is to live in the limbo of an emotional and psychological ambiguity whose genesis lies in maternal loss, mourning, depression, and despair."



BELIEVE

**THREE CENTURIES OF
MEDICINE AND MAYHEM
AT AMERICA'S MOST
STORIED HOSPITAL**

DAVID PULITZER PRIZE-
WINNING AUTHOR OF
POLIO: AN AMERICAN STORY
OSHINSKY

[Gabriel Redel-Traub on *Bellevue: Three Centuries of Medicine and Mayhem at America's Most Storied Hospital* by David Oshinsky](#)

"Oshinsky's affection for Bellevue as an institution, for its physicians and for its hallowed place in the