



The Back Door to Medicine: An Embedded Anthropologist Tells All (Paperback)

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iUniverse, United States, 2009. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.An anthropologist typically does research by immersing oneself in a society, learning the language if need be, spending a year or two observing, asking questions, getting involved, photographing, videotaping, and writing copious notes on how people live their lives; in other words, on how they experience and manifest their culture. Anthropologists call that method participant observation, and the goal is to produce a cultural description that can be shared with any and all who might be interested. This book describes three cultures in a single, integrated narrative. For one, it offers a case study of the culture of anthropology itself as it records how I experienced ethnographic research as both a method and a way of life. My original goal was to describe the culture of chiropractic as a prominent and important field of alternative medicine. As is common in anthropology, that seemingly straight-forward objective detoured in an unanticipated direction. I accomplished my purpose by graduating from a chiropractic college as a Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.). Still another unanticipated diversion in this complex ethnographic adventure led to medical school, but not in an...



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