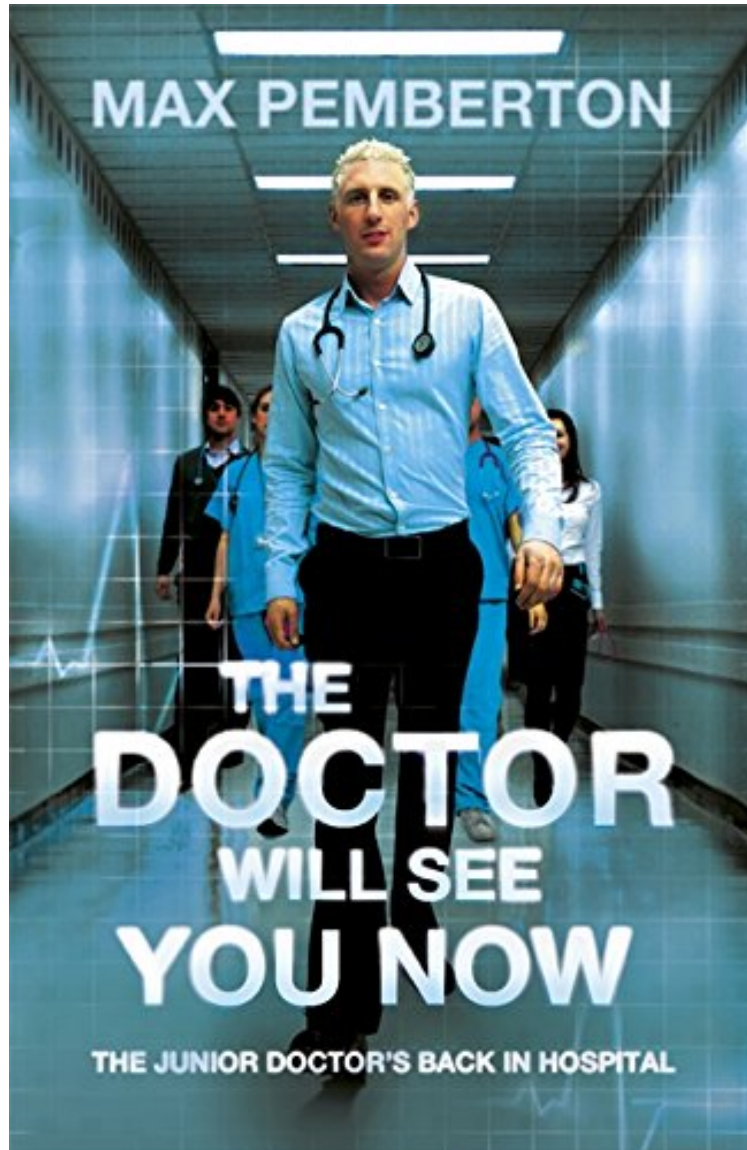


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Max Pemberton : The Doctor Will See You Now before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Doctor Will See You Now:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good bookBy C. NelsonI like Pemberton's books because he highlights social problems without sounding preachy. In this book he is back at the hospital working in the AE and with elderly mental health patients. As always, he recounts both funny and sad anecdotes. I hope he writes another book soon.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fun ReadBy Kindle CustomerI enjoyed this book.

Especially the comedy inserted in serious areas of medicine. It does seem to jump around a bit. Also keeping all the flat mates organized in my head was tricky. Great read though. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A doctor who cares

By Damaskcat
This book sees the author back in a hospital job, covering AE and working in geriatrics and psychiatry. Geriatrics is something of a Cinderella speciality and dealing with geriatric patients with psychiatric problems is even less popular. There are some heart rending stories and some which remind the reader that there is still good in human nature. The author's flat mates feature largely in this book - Flora, Ruby and a new inmate - Terry - who for a change is not a doctor. Lewis is battling with the problem of telling his family about his life style. Patients come and go and some will stick in your mind long after you finish reading the book. The elderly man who had broken his shoulder and who no one would treat because he also had schizophrenia; the man who couldn't understand that his life savings were now in a bank and went round accusing everyone of stealing them; the man in his 50s with CJD who kept piling furniture up in corners because he had been a removal man before the disease struck him. What I found particularly touching was the innovative ways nurses found to deal with these patients. The former removal man just needed telling, for example, that it was tea break time and he would sit down and stop rearranging the furniture. This simple solution meant his wife could look after him at home for much longer. The care demonstrated by some of the nurses was absolutely marvellous. One of them could interpret the smallest change in facial expression of one of his patients and knew exactly what he needed and what was wrong with him even though the doctor didn't. I found the ways the hospital spheres of influence worked interesting and parallels can probably be found in any large organisation. People in unlikely jobs often have much more power than could normally be expected from their job title alone; the secretary - Trudy - the provider of cake to celebrate and commiserate who always knew everything that was going on. The typing pool where there was a temporary typist who could listen to his iPod and his dictation tapes at the same time and who wanted to be a doctor showed the author that you should never judge by appearances. Some marvellous characters and some thought provoking situations show that as a society we are seriously neglecting our old people - especially those with mental illnesses. If you are approaching an age when this sort of thing is likely to affect you personally then this book may keep you awake at night wondering whether you could end up sedated in a nursing home because no one has the time to treat you properly as a human being. Staff such as the author himself, Marsha and Dr Webber will give the reader hope that things can change for the better. There are people who care and who want to make a difference.

The junior doctor . . . back on the wards
After a year on the streets treating outreach patients, Max Pemberton is back in the relative comfort of hospital. This time running between elderly care and the dementia clinic to AE and outpatients. No longer inexperienced (Max and his doctor friends can now tell when someone is actually dead), they are on the front line of patient care for better or worse. In the midst of an NHS still under threat (some things never change) there are committed and caring doctors, big issues, hope, frustration, huge societal changes affecting the entire health system as well as the general drama of everyday life in a big hospital, from biscuit wars to resus. It's not like television, this is real - there are no easy answers - but *The Doctor Will See You Now* will give you hope that there are enough good doctors asking the questions.

'entertaining, but also enlightening . . . recommended to anyone who'd like to know what really goes on inside a hospital.'
Farm Lane Books
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Max Pemberton is a practicing doctor and has worked in a broad range of medicine from AE, geriatrics, adult psychiatry, surgery and paediatric palliative care. He is also a columnist for the Daily Telegraph and Reader's Digest. Recently, he has won several awards for his writing, including the Mind Journalist of the Year and the Royal College of Psychiatrists 2010 award for Public Educator of the Year.