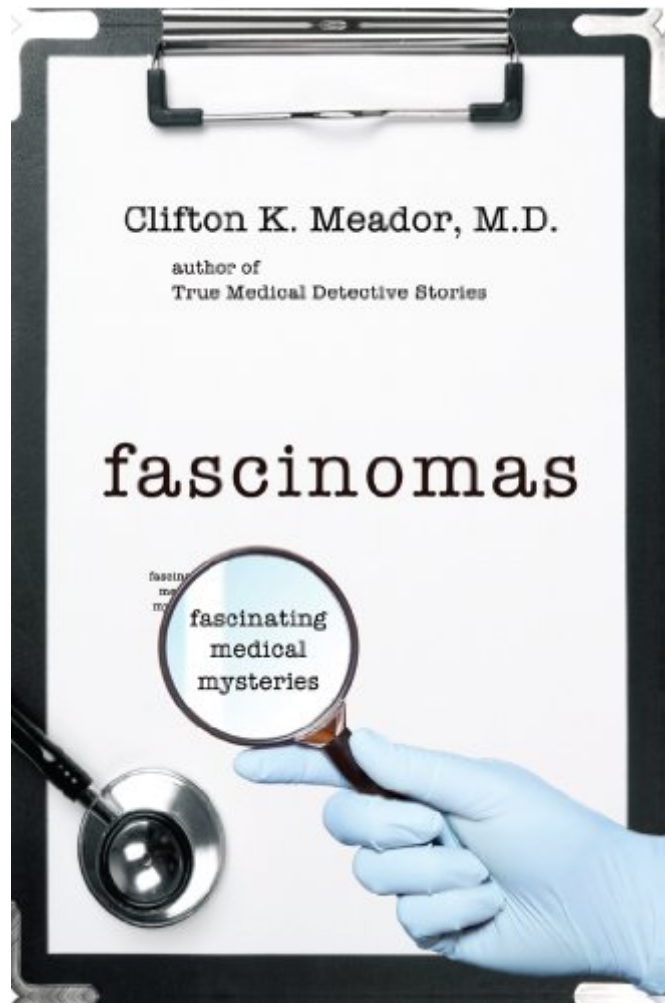




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# Fascinomas - Fascinating Medical Mysteries



## Synopsis

Fascinomas is a collection of fascinating medical mysteries. A paralyzed teen recovers overnight. A woman complains her breast implants speak. A man and his dog become gravely ill at the exact same time. These strange real-life cases and many more can be found in author and physician Clifton K. Meador's newest collection, *Fascinomas*. Combining the word "fascinating" with the term for a tumor or growth, "fascinoma" is medical slang for an unusually interesting medical case. These are the extraordinary stories medical professionals recall forever and pass from one colleague to another in hospital lounges and hallways. Every medical professional has at least one fascinoma to tell, and in this collection of bizarre-but-true stories, Meador retells some of the most memorable. In the vein of Berton Roueché, the famed medical writer for *The New Yorker*, the author of *True Medical Detective Stories* is back with an all-new book of complex cases, where medical professionals must often race against the clock to find clues in the most unusual places. *Fascinomas* is an entertaining and informative collection for physicians, nurses, medical students and those who simply can't get enough of bizarre clinical cases. Written from the point of view of an experienced doctor, the stories are crafted in an engaging style that can be enjoyed by medical professionals and laypeople alike. More than just interesting tales, however, these real-life mysteries serve as great examples of the need for doctors to listen closely to and ask the right questions of their patients, even in the computer age, when so much information is at their fingertips. Sometimes the truth is stranger than fiction, and you never know where a crucial piece of evidence will be found by one of the detectives of the medical world.

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## Customer Reviews

Cute little book. As a retired RN who enjoys mystery diagnosis, unusual cases, I enjoyed it. Light reading, OK for laypersons. Two or three of the stories seemed a bit obvious, but I guess that's just my background getting the way.

I loved this book. The cases were presented in a clear manner and the information given was to the point without a lot of "filler". Some other reviewers seemed to think they are too short, but I thought they contained just the right amount of information from the history to the testing results to the announcement of what the condition was. I figured out some of the cases and I had heard of others (like the cause for the clumsy teen) but have never seen a case of it personally. Great fun for those in the medical field who enjoy putting the clues together and seeing if you got it right. The only mistake I caught was where the author called an echocardiogram an EKG.

Great book short read but fascinating really gets you thinking how lucky you may be and how unlucky others may be

Well written and very interesting short stories. Definitely worth reading if you are interested in medical diagnostic mysteries. Looking forward to reading his other book.

Very short stories about medical problems many without a resolution. A typical sentence, "We never heard back from that patient." So they don't really have what exactly happened, just what they think might have happened.

Quite a short book, and many of the stories seem to have been submitted by the same few doctors. Many of the stories are also not "new" in that I have heard or read very similar ones before. Most of

them are not terribly mysterious. A quick and easy read but not very satisfying for those looking for real medical detail.

Heard about this on Doctor Radio on Sirius XM. This tome is a lot of fun; just some great cases that have been passed on by master clinicians with a lot of experience. These stories would make for a great grand rounds or case conference. Glad they were willing to pass on their wisdom.

I get a kick out of books like this. Meador is a physician who gathered stories from other physicians about cases they found perplexing. Usually these were cases of medical conditions that were so rare, they may have heard of them happening in school but would never see a case in real life. So when it actually happened, only those doctors who were really prepared actually would know what they were dealing with. Sometimes, cases were emerging diseases happening in this country...and the doctors who recognized them were from other countries. I'm afraid that's going to happen more often in the near future with the easy transportation of people from country to country. Many times stories like these are 'Eureka' moments for both the physicians and the readers. Some of the cases I knew the answers before I got very far, others I didn't have the foggiest idea what the problem was. It is nice to pick up a book like this and learn something new that you didn't know before. My big problem with this book was that many of these stories seemed a little old. I was expecting a few more recent stories in this compendium than were actually there. I'm hoping to find more recent stories in the future...

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