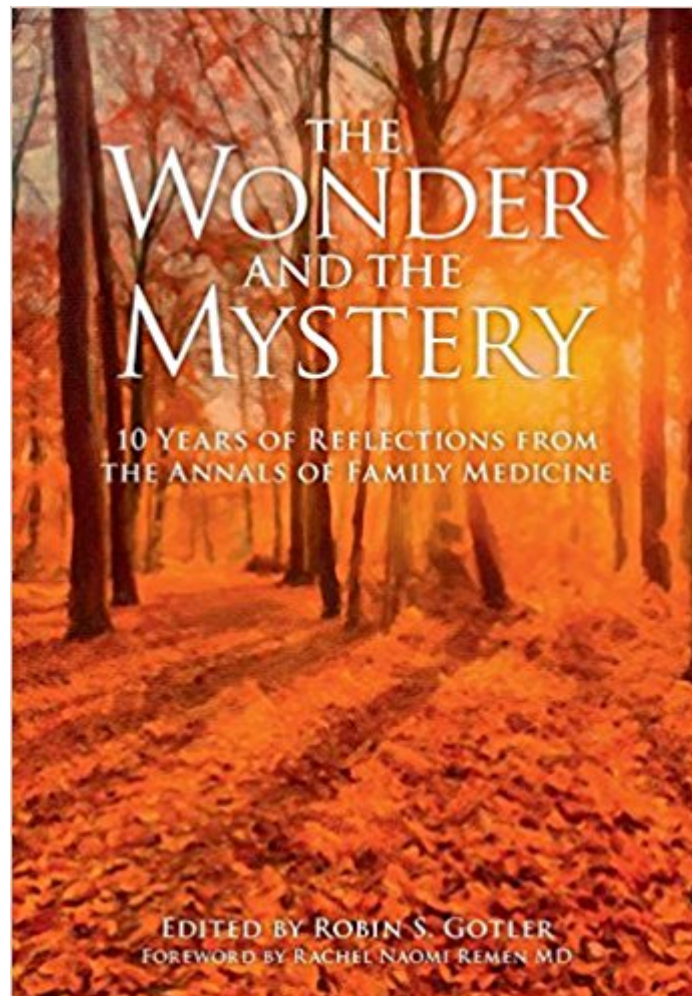




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What a wonderful stroll through a decade of literary medical writing. Or is that medical literary writing. Either way, this book combines science and art, medicine and relationship, story and truth. The title tells you exactly what you will experience on your walk through this book. I recall reading some of these pieces when they appeared in the Annals of Family Medicine, others were new. Some I had read years before but were new all over again. Most, if not all, of the authors are primary care clinicians and researchers telling the stories of their day-to-day clinical care. They wind along from birth to adolescence to the vagaries of the adult life and all its clinical manifestations. The writers pause to be with their patients in the daily struggles; they offer healing, they accept healing. The journey takes us along the path of pain and dying, and what comes after a patient, or loved one, dies. The Wonder and the Mystery offers the full journey along life's path. This book will provide some measure of insight into the practice of primary care. And it provides a full measure of insight into the human experience of life and illness, living large, and dying well. It is a worthy read and wonderful addition to my library. I will share it with students, family, and friends. Thanks

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