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gaby says

Great basic overview of the health care system in the U.S. and its development over time. Good cross-national comparisons with Western European systems and Japan. This is a quick read, best suited for people without a ton of background in the structure of the U.S. health care delivery system. Would definitely recommend use in an undergraduate or masters level course, or for the interested citizen!

Yousef M says

Excellent primer on health care policy in the U.S., namely, structure, economics/financing, history, legislation/reforms, comparisons to other nations, and current challenges. I had read "Healing of America" by TR Reid. While that book was an interesting read, I felt too much of it was anecdotal and either assumed and/or ignored the details of health care economics and policy that are necessary to understand where the US has gone wrong. Bodenheimer's book cites numerous studies and statistics to back up any facts or assertions he makes.

The heart of the book is really Chapters 13-17, which all the previous chapters help build a foundation to properly understand. Here, medical ethics (and its relationship with economics) are discussed, legislative history (including Obama's) and its consequences analyzed, competing interests broken down (providers/suppliers/purchasers, which can vary from HMOs, the gov't, citizens, physicians, hospitals), and the inherent and often difficult to resolve conflicts between these various players.

Necessary read for anyone interested in having a comprehensive foundation for understanding and discussing health care policy.

On a side note, this was the first Kindle book I (reluctantly) purchased from the Amazon store. I must say the ability to read anywhere on my smartphone and annotate/highlight to my heart's desire makes me more inclined to purchase e-books in the future.
