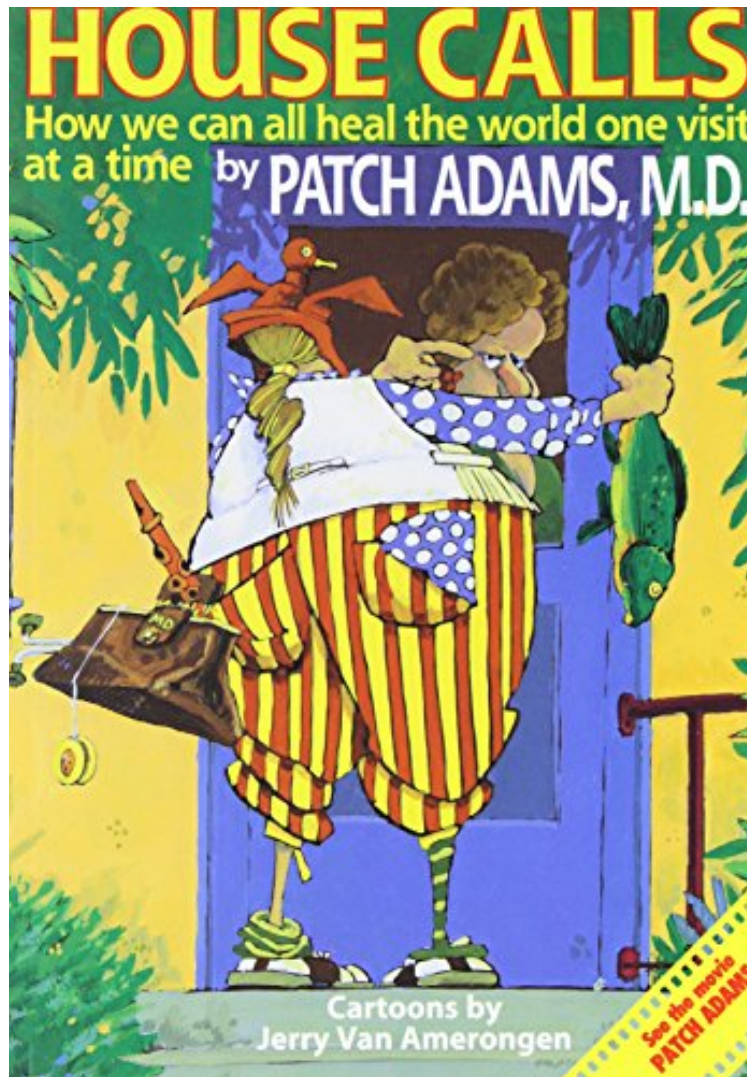


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Interesting read but this quite simply is nearly impossible to implement at a national level By David W. Nesbitt We saw patch Adams speak about 2 months ago at a Marian University Medical School function. He was dressed in his full clown outfit (minus his red nose) and spoke for about 80 minutes - pacing back and forth the whole time. He never sat down once which is fairly impressive as he was nearly 71 at the time. His message is a good one if not entirely a reasonable one. His book is the same. Human nature

being what it is prevents most people who go to medical school (or pharmacy, law, dental, etc) from doing what he does. To succeed in these kind of environments you must be VERY driven and competitive - otherwise you won't make it through - probably wouldn't even get in in the first place. Speaking as a pharmacist of over 30 years I can tell you honestly that I would have never worked as hard as I did for as long as I did to do what Patch is doing. Even though I agree with the majority of what he says about our current medical system it's just not going to change as he would like - at least it won't anytime soon. When you graduate with around ***\$200,000*** in debt from most professional programs you are kind of forced, at least for a long time, to earn as much money as reasonably possible just to pay that debt. My daughter just finished her 2nd year in med school and is already \$75,000 in debt. But she is one of the lucky ones as many of her classmates were \$45 to 50,000 in debt BEFORE STARTING MEDICAL SCHOOL and are now owe north of \$150,000 - they still have 2 more years of med school plus residency. They will probably owe \$250,000 to 300,000 before they even start their practice. Just to put this into the proper perspective a \$250,000 loan at 4% for ***30 YEARS*** would be \$1193 a month. In other words a decently nice house payment until you are about 58 or 59. This would be close to 14k a YEAR right off the top. As the VA the starting pay for newly minted MD's is around \$110,000 you can see this is a huge hurdle if you want to practice as Patch wants you to. Unless this problem is solved there is quite simply no hope of changing the system much. Much of Patches views and opinions are rooted in 1960's ideology. In simple terms they are fairly close to what most of us would call communism. I believe what makes America different than most countries is our system where anyone can make it IF THEY TRY VERY HARD AND WORK FOR MANY YEARS. I feel I'm proof of that (and my wife even more than I). The first thing that kick started my life was the realization that life is harsh and tough - and often not entirely fair. For example, I have worked 28 Thanksgivings since 1981. How many of my readers have worked anything like this UNLESS you are a RN, MD, etc. HOWEVER IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE TO MAKE IF YOU DON'T GIVE UP. I enjoyed this book but it is, IMHO, outside of what most people want for their lives - Interesting read but not very practicable. I would rate this a 7.50 to 8.0 out of 10 - only recommended if you get it at your local library. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Lost Art of Having Fun By Kathleen Nicastro In the follow up to his first book, Gesundheit!, Dr. Patch Adams meansto give us the prescription for healthy living and healing by this fun little handbook with one part musings, one part cartoons, and one part "to do" lists that can creatively keep us on track in our fast-paced, overextended twenty-first century lives. One of Patch's beliefs, that you can't have healing without fun, gets fleshed out here in exploring topics like wonder, nature, passion, hope, in the context of learning how to be well. Aimed at both patient and visitor of the afflicted, this friendly text offers holistic suggestions for its main concerns: Thoughts on Being Well, Things a Visitor (of the sick) Can Do, How to be a Good Hospital Patient, and Special Concerns When Visiting... (certain types of patients). While the tone and presentation are light-hearted, the subject matter and the teachings are serious and necessary for anyone who has ever loved someone who is ill that they didn't know how to help, or who has struggled to say something meaningful and heartfelt to a hospitalized friend or family member. This book points the way to an authentic and refreshing encounter between the sick or dying and the people that love and visit them. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Patch of humor By Peter Dorsen Patch's scintillating panoply of humor brings wellness and belly laughs for understanding the medicine in which doctors treat lab tests not people. Even Sir William Osler, the patriarch of scientific medicine, advises us to visualize the story each patient brings to the encounter between the healer and someone who trusts and fears. Peter J. Dorsen, M.D., LADC

Dr. Patch Adams knows the inner side of healing. House Calls is a reminder that some of the most important factors in healing are not high-tech marvels but ordinary factors such as love, compassion, friendship, and hope. This book will lighten anyone's heart and assist him or her on a healing journey.

About the Author Patch Adams, M.D. is the founder and director of the Gesundheit Institute, a thirty-year-old project to create a hospital that addresses all the problems of care delivery. They have never charged money, accepted third-party reimbursement, or carried malpractice insurance. It is the first hospital to fully integrate all the healing arts and to be wellness and arts focused. Patch has been a clown for more than 30 years. He has performed all over the world and for fourteen years has taken a group of clowns every year to Russia. He is the author of Gesundheit (Healing Arts Press), which was made into the movie Patch Adams by Universal Pictures (Released in December 1998), starring Robin Williams as Patch. At his core, Patch is a political activist, desiring a world that has replaced the gods of greed and power with generosity and compassion. He is a lover of poetry, dance, nature, people, and service.