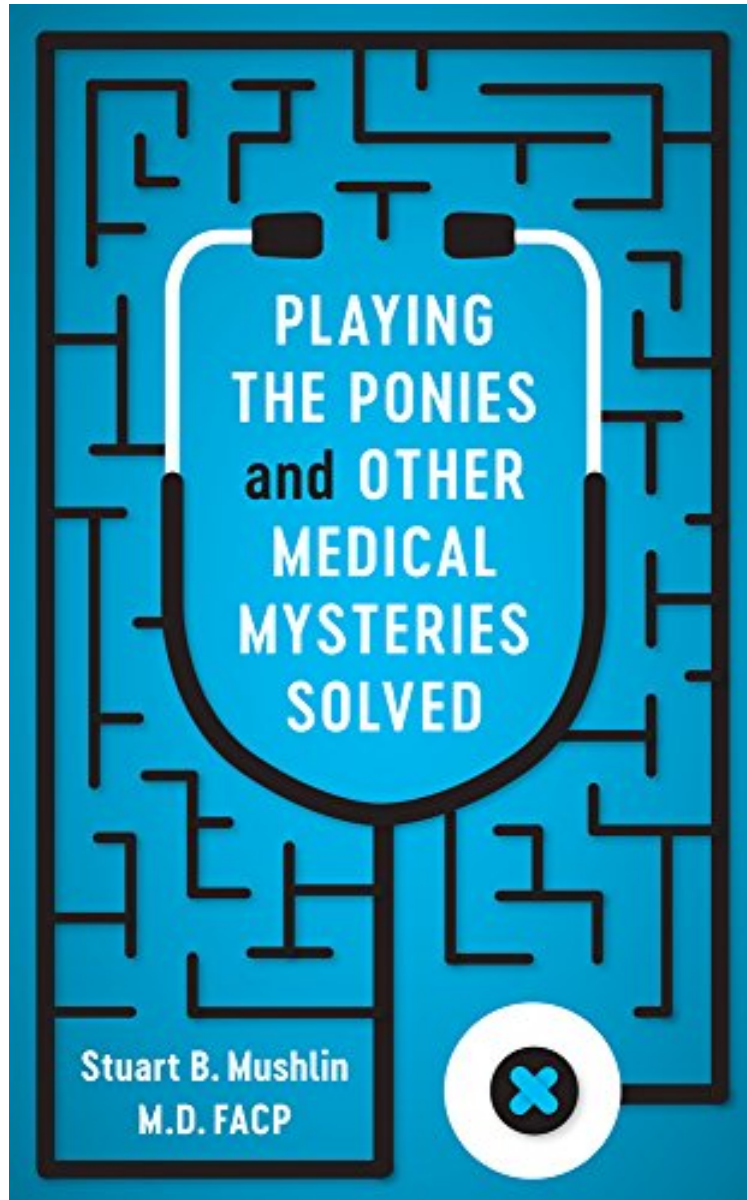


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This book was written by a truly brilliant and wonderful doctor who was always a very calm and compassionate man. Loved reading about his life and some of his more complex cases.

With over forty years of experience as a sought after diagnostician, Dr. Stuart Mushlin has cracked his share of medical mysteries, ones in which there are bigger gambles than playing the ponies at the track. Some of his patients show up with puzzling symptoms, calling for savvy medical detective work. Others seem to present cut-and-dry cases, but they turn out to be suffering from rare or serious conditions. In *Playing the Ponies and Other Medical Mysteries Solved*, Dr. Mushlin shares some of the most intriguing cases he has encountered, revealing the twists and turns of each patient's diagnosis and treatment process. Along the way, he imparts the secrets to his success as a medical detective: not specialized high-tech equipment, but time-honored techniques like closely observing, touching, and listening to patients. He also candidly describes cases where he got things wrong, providing readers with honest insights into both the joys and dilemmas of his job. Dr. Mushlin does not just treat diseases; he treats people. And this is not just a book about the ailments he diagnosed; it is also about the scared, uncertain, ailing individuals he helped in the process. Filled with real-life medical stories you'll have to read to believe, *Playing the Ponies* is both a suspenseful page-turner and a heartfelt reflection on a life spent caring for patients.

"Puzzling patients, detective work, and a dedicated doctor nicely packaged in one small, fascinating volume."