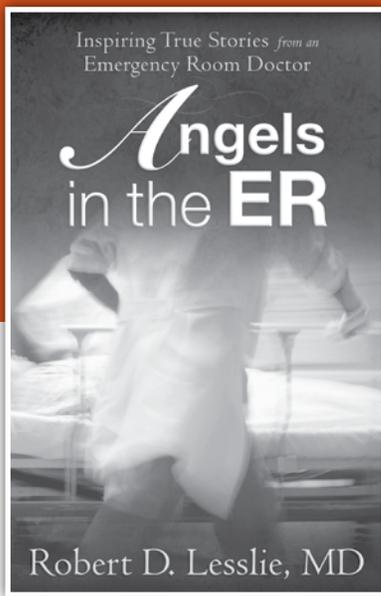


The ~~Divided~~ United States of America?



Are we living in a nation divided? It certainly seems that way, in light of the bitter polarization that has characterized this political season. And yet, as Dr. Robert Lesslie points out, sometimes it's a crisis situation that can serve to bring people together—and it's no more apparent than in a setting like the ER. From his 25 years of experience as an ER physician, Dr. Lesslie shares inspiring true stories of courage, faith, hope, compassion, and miracles in the emergency room. Through interesting, thought-provoking, and sometimes humorous accounts of his experiences, Dr. Lesslie reveals...

- ✧ **Powerful lessons we can learn in a crisis**
- ✧ **An assurance that God works in every situation**
- ✧ **Surprising insights into human nature**
- ✧ **Evidence of the Divine in daily life**

The ER, Dr. Lesslie explains, is the great leveler of personages. We reach a common ground and find ourselves dealing with the same problems as everyone else around us: pain and suffering, health and disease—sometimes life and death. What lessons can we learn in a situation where our strengths and weaknesses are openly and sometimes uncomfortably exposed? Dr. Lesslie offers his thoughts on some of life's greatest wonders and mysteries. He imparts a unique perspective on life and the human condition, inspiring us to consider the greater purpose behind situations that might otherwise appear desperate.

“The ER is a difficult and challenging place to be. Yet the same pressures and stresses that make this place so challenging also provide an opportunity to experience some of life's greatest wonders and mysteries.”

Dr. Lesslie paints a vibrant picture of the high and low points of working in the intense, highly charged environment of the ER. He offers keen insights into some of the most profound experiences of life, including birth, death, loss, grief, suffering, and faith. Anyone who enjoys captivating, uplifting stories will benefit from the reminder that God turns even emergencies into opportunities, and each trial is a demonstration of God's grace.



Endorsements

for Dr. Robert Lesslie and
Angels in the ER



“*Angels in the ER* is hard to put down. You are *right there* with Dr. Lesslie in every circumstance, and each situation shows the spiritual dimension of life and death in a way most of us will never experience on our own. I can only compare the demand for moment-to-moment decision-making with my time on the basketball court. I enjoyed every story.”

—**Bobby Jones**, cofounder 2XSALT, four-time NBA All-Star, and member of the 1983 World Champion Philadelphia 76ers

“People caring for people. Compassion and lovingkindness in difficult circumstances. This is the medicine we need the most, and it is administered on every page of *Angels in the ER*, a chronicle of mankind at its best.”

—**Richard Thomas**, film, television, and stage actor, “John-Boy” on *The Waltons* and host of *It’s a Miracle*

“Intelligent, insightful, professional, honest, compassionate...personal stories that allow the reader to view the patient from the mind and heart of the physician...”

“In an age when patients are viewed as Social Security numbers, Dr. Lesslie recovers the fading image of a caring doctor for whom the patient is center stage. We are left with the impression that angels belong to our lives, both in and out of emergency rooms. That is a conviction worth holding, and this is a book worth reading and rereading...If I ever land in an emergency room, I hope Dr. Lesslie is there waiting for me.”

—**Randall T. Ruble**, president, Erskine College and Seminary

“We meet an amazing cast of characters who come through the doors of a South Carolina hospital emergency room. Professional wrestlers, distraught mothers, gunshot victims, travelers from off the interstate highway...just to name a few. But Robert Lesslie is also there, a faithful, empathetic physician with a heart for compassion and a keen eye for the presence of God in the midst of human need.”

—**Thomas G. Long**, Bandy Professor of preaching, Candler School of Theology, Emory University



Author of
Angels in the ER

Bio Sketch

DR. ROBERT LESSLIE

Dr. Robert Lesslie is a physician who lives and actively practices medicine in Rock Hill, South Carolina. Board-certified in both emergency medicine and occupational medicine, he is the co-owner of two busy urgent care/occupational clinics.

For more than 25 years, Dr. Lesslie worked in and directed several of the busiest ERs in the Charlotte, North Carolina area. He served as medical director of the emergency department for almost fifteen years at Piedmont Medical Center in Rock Hill, where he received the American Medical Association's Continuing Education Award. He also traveled around the country, giving lively, innovative lectures to the Emergency Nurses Association at their annual meetings in major cities including Seattle, Atlanta, Nashville, and San Antonio.

Dr. Lesslie enjoys the fast-paced environment of the ER and the need to make rapid and accurate diagnoses. He views his medical career as an opportunity to go beyond simply diagnosing and treating individual patients. For Dr. Lesslie, it is a way to fulfill a higher calling by meeting the real physical and emotional needs of his patients.

One day, each of us will find ourselves in our own ER—a place of darkness, pain, and fear. It is here that we will suddenly be confronted by our own mortality, the death of a loved one, or some unexpected and life-changing occurrence. How will we respond? In his first book release, *Angels in the ER*, Dr. Lesslie tells the stories of those who travel into this valley and of those who care for them. Many of the experiences presented are profoundly spiritual. And while some are unbelievable and even comical, they are all true. *Angels in the ER* comes as a powerful reminder that each person, each story has something to teach us, causing us to examine our own hearts.

For seven years, Dr. Lesslie wrote a weekly medical column for *The York Observer*, a section of *The Charlotte Observer*, where he presented a wide variety of topics, both medical and editorial. Since it was first published four years ago, he has also penned a column for the *YC*, a monthly publication in York County, where he has written on medical, philosophical, and personal topics.

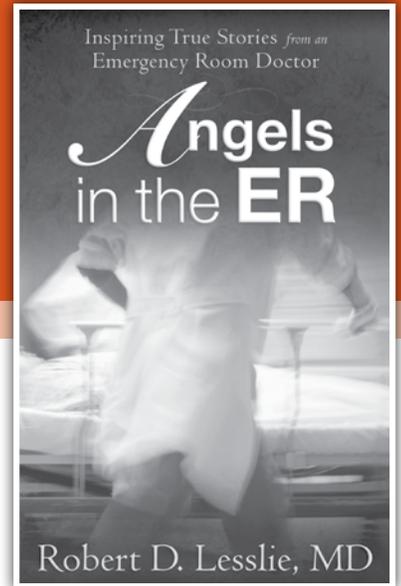
An active member of his home church in Rock Hill, Dr. Lesslie serves as an elder, and he and his wife, Barbara, teach Sunday school and sing in the church choir. They are also involved with an outreach program for disabled/handicapped individuals, Camp Joy, where Dr. Lesslie serves as the camp physician for a week each summer. Dr. Lesslie also enjoys mentoring high school and college students considering a career in medicine.

Dr. Lesslie and his wife, Barbara, have been married for 35 years. Together they raised four children: Lori, Amy, Robbie, and Jeffrey, and are now enjoying five grandchildren. In his spare time, Dr. Lesslie enjoys gardening, golf, hunting, reading, and bag piping.

To learn more, visit RobertLesslie.com

Interview Questions

for Dr. Robert Lesslie, author of
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- ✧ Dr. Lesslie, you are a medical doctor with over 25 years of experience working in the ER. So what prompted you to share your experiences in a book?
- ✧ Explain the title of your book, *Angels in the ER*. Have you ever experienced the presence of an “other worldly” angel while working in the ER?
- ✧ What are some of your favorite characters and stories from your years in the ER?
- ✧ How has your faith impacted your practice as an emergency physician?
- ✧ Has faith ever been a problem for you in the ER? Has it caused you anxiety or trouble?
- ✧ Tell us about the most troubling encounter you’ve had in the ER.
- ✧ What was the most humbling event in your career?
- ✧ What was the most bizarre encounter you’ve had with a patient?
- ✧ How do you integrate your faith with the science of medicine?
- ✧ What patient or circumstance challenged your faith the most?
- ✧ If you hadn’t been a physician, what would you have done?
- ✧ Who would benefit from reading this book?