Novels and Other Books

This is a listing of novels or other books not necessarily for physicians with connections to bioethical issues.

*Please note: The following information has not been approved or endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics or by the Section on Bioethics.*

By Subject:

**Communication/Relationships**


This is discussed in:

**Consent**

Grassley C. Americans should not be on a game show in US emergency rooms and ambulances. AJOB. 2010;10(10):9-10.

**Conscience & Conscientious Objection**

A discussion in the [Wall Street Journal](https://www.wallstreetjournal.com).

**Death and Dying**

There is an article on this: Brennan F, Dash M. The year of magical thinking: Joan Didion and the dialectic of grief. Medical Humanities. 2008;34:35-39.

Ill, Ivan R. Dee Publisher. ISBN 13 978-1-56663-718-3. This is reviewed in JAMA. 2007;297:2770-2771.


O’Neill D. All that jazz. BMJ. 2010;341:c7122


Disability/Birth Defects/Eugenics

This is discussed in: http://www.newyorker.com/books/page-turner/the-forgotten-lessons-of-the-american-eugenics-movement


Economics/financing/insurance/taxes
Information on this: Sandel MJ. What isn’t for sale? The Atlantic.

Education/Mentors/testing

Emergency Care/Emergency Rooms/Disasters
End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/Palliative Sedation

Ethics-general- philosophy, ethical codes, etc.


Euthanasia/Suicide/PAS/ Infanticide/ Minimally Conscious/ Persistent Vegetative State.


Trollope A. *The Fixed Period*. 1882
This novel on euthanasia is available for *free download* for Kindle. *If this link doesn’t work*, just search for the book on the [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) site.

shoots a friend when she is captured by a group who intends to use prisoners for medical experimentation.

**Family / Clans/ Tribes**


Reviews:

Redman T. “Novel asks, why play when you know you will lose?”
(On a woman who knows she will develop Huntington’s and a chess player.)


**Gene Therapy**


**Genetics/ Testing/ Genetic Databases/ Biobanks**


This is discussed in: [http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/13/books/inferno-by-dan-brown.html?_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/13/books/inferno-by-dan-brown.html?_r=0) and [https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/book-review-dan-browns-inferno/2013/05/13/53a7b7ba-bbcf-11e2-97d4-a479289a31f9_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/book-review-dan-browns-inferno/2013/05/13/53a7b7ba-bbcf-11e2-97d4-a479289a31f9_story.html)

I am not normally a fan of Dan Brown’s work but I was given an audio version of this book. Among its discussions of Dante’s Inferno and various art works is a thriller involving genetic engineering, transhumanism, overpopulation and appropriate vs inappropriate responses.

**Health Policy & Healthcare Systems**


**Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics**


An interview with the author:  [http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/health-science-technology/the-vaccine-war/seth-mnookin-how-the-vaccine-war-has-changed/](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/health-science-technology/the-vaccine-war/seth-mnookin-how-the-vaccine-war-has-changed/)


This is discussed in:  


This is discussed in:  

**Intersex/Transgender/Gender Disorder**  

This is discussed in:  

**Medical Error/Quality of Care**  

**Medical Misconduct**  

Shlian D, Reid L.  *Dead Air (Sammy Greene Thrillers).* Longboat Key, FL. Oceanview Publishing. 2009. ISBN-10: 1933515503. (a thriller concerning misconduct by medical researchers and others by one of our members)

**Miscellaneous**  

**Oncology**


Teen book on oncology is reviewed here: [http://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/2014/aug/05/review-john-green-the-fault-in-our-stars](http://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/2014/aug/05/review-john-green-the-fault-in-our-stars)


**Politics**


A discussion in the Wall Street Journal.

**Practice of Medicine/ Physician Health/ Moral Distress**

Mohr JC. *Licensed to Practice: The Supreme Court Defines the American Medical Profession*. Johns Hopkins University Press. 2013. ASIN: B010WEY392

This is discussed in:


**Professionalism**


**Psychiatric Issues**


This is discussed in:

This is discussed in: Harris B. Sybil, Inc. Science. 2011; 334 (6054): 312.

This is discussed in: Bhutta M. Doctor Glas. BMJ 2009;338:b476.

Religion/Spiritual Issues/Conscience
Bergoglio J, Skorka A. Sobre el cielo y la tierra. SUDAMERICANA. 2013.
(a series of discussions with Pope Francis and a rabbi, Abraham Skorka. I did not see an English language version available yet, one may be available later. It appears to include discussion on euthanasia, abortion and science)


Reproduction/ Contraception/ Assisted Reproduction/ Abortion
This is discussed in: Taraschi SM. Christine Overall: Why have children? The ethical debate. Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics. 2015; 36(4): 295-298.


Research & Experimental Treatments
Hawkes N. Most laboratory cancer studies cannot be replicated, study shows. BMJ. 2012; 344:e2555.

This is discussed here:

Lewis S. Arrowsmith. 1925 P. F. Collier & Son Company. ASIN: B002NPTW18.
http://www.amazon.com/Arrowsmith-Sinclair-Lewis/dp/B002NPTW18/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1455581258&sr=1-2&keywords=arrowsmith
This is discussed in: 

This is discussed in: Chinthapalli K. The Island of Dr Moreau. BMJ 2011; 343: d7835.

Social/Cultural Issues
http://www.amazon.com/Guantanamo-Other-Enforced-Medical-Treatment/dp/3319226525/ref=tmm_pap_title_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=
This is discussed in: 
Garasic MD. Guantanamo and Other Cases of Enforced Medical Treatment-A Biopolitical Analysis. J Med Ethics. Published online: 4/19/16.
http://jme.bmj.com/content/early/2016/04/19/medethics-2016-103484?papetoc


Sports/Orthopedics

Stem cells/ Embryos/ Cord Blood/ Chimeras/ Clones
This is discussed in:
To view reviews of this novel please visit the NY Times Web site or Amazon.com

Surgery

Technology/Social Media
This is discussed in:

Transplants
This is reviewed in:

Ishiguro K. Never Let Me Go.
This is discussed in:

Terrorism/ Bioterrorism/ Violence
This is discussed in: