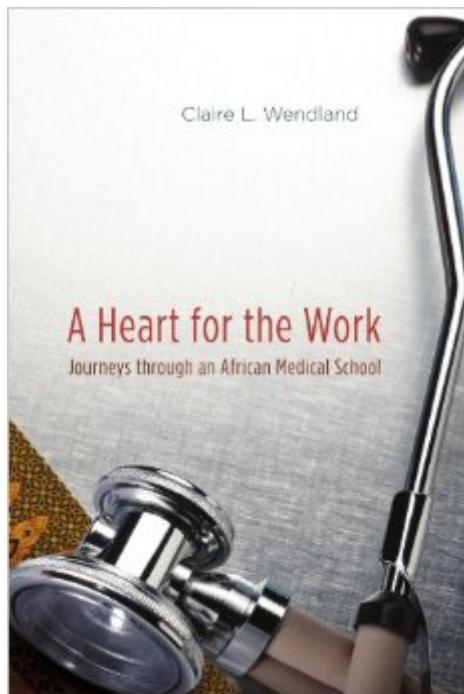


[The book was found](#)

# A Heart For The Work: Journeys Through An African Medical School



## Synopsis

Burnout is common among doctors in the West, so one might assume that a medical career in Malawi, one of the poorest countries in the world, would place far greater strain on the idealism that drives many doctors. But, as *A Heart for the Work* makes clear, Malawian medical students learn to confront poverty creatively, experiencing fatigue and frustration but also joy and commitment on their way to becoming physicians. The first ethnography of medical training in the global South, Claire L. Wendland's book is a moving and perceptive look at medicine in a world where the transnational movement of people and ideas creates both devastation and possibility. Wendland, a physician anthropologist, conducted extensive interviews and worked in wards, clinics, and operating theaters alongside the student doctors whose stories she relates. From the relative calm of Malawi's College of Medicine to the turbulence of training at hospitals with gravely ill patients and dramatically inadequate supplies, staff, and technology, Wendland's work reveals the way these young doctors engage the contradictions of their circumstances, shedding new light on debates about the effects of medical training, the impact of traditional healing, and the purposes of medicine.

## Book Information

Paperback: 352 pages

Publisher: University Of Chicago Press; 1 edition (October 1, 2010)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0226893278

ISBN-13: 978-0226893273

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.9 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 14.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars See all reviews (2 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #374,751 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #281 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Sociology > Medicine #332 in Books > Textbooks > Medicine & Health Sciences > Medicine > Education & Training #373 in Books > Textbooks > Medicine & Health Sciences > Administration & Policy > Public Health

## Customer Reviews

Claire Wendland provides the reader with an inside account of her journey in West Africa, from her accounts of being a student and to later going back to research how young doctors continue to make it in this unfavorable system. In this work of fiction Wendland offers an insight into the

struggles that West African doctors and medical students face due to lack of funds, and a corrupt government. Although one has to persevere through the first chapter or two of the book due to itâ™s more technical aspect once one gets to the raw core of the book, itâ™s hard to put it down. This is because of the students eye witness accounts that are introduced. This book offered a glance into the medical world in West Africa, and how it is the complete opposite of what people know of in Northern countries. She letâ™s readers know the struggles that come with working in a third world country, and how health is put on the back burner. However, she does allow the reader to see that even though funds are low, innovation is not. The doctors that the readers will meet, demonstrate a high level of intelligence as they make up for their lack of supplies with reused goods. She also allows the ignorance surrounding African health systems to be lifted, and shows just how difficult and consuming it is to take the responsibility of a doctor is in this country. She allows the reader to see just how the lack of funds make saving lives an out of the ordinary experience, and how most people still turn to traditional means of health care such as herbs, and home remedies. This happens for one of two reasons. They are untrusting of biomedicine and also the cost is too much for them.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

African: African Recipes - The Very Best African Cookbook (African recipes, African cookbook, African cook book, African recipe, African recipe book) African Cooking: for beginners - African Recipes Cookbook (African recipes - African cooking - African Food - African Meals 1) A Heart for the Work: Journeys through an African Medical School Heart Disease: Heart Disease Prevention And Reversal Guide To Prevent Heart Disease And Reverse Heart Disease With Heart Disease Prevention Strategies And Heart Disease Diet Advice Medical Terminology: Medical Terminology Made Easy: Breakdown the Language of Medicine and Quickly Build Your Medical Vocabulary (Medical Terminology, Nursing School, Medical Books) Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR) 2010-2011: The Most Authoritative Guide to U.S. and Canadian Medical Schools (Medical School Admission Requirements, United States and Canada) English Journeys English Folk Songs (Penguin English Journeys) Medical School Interview Guide: Preparation and Practice for Medical School Admissions The New Medical School Preparation & Admissions Guide, 2015: New & Updated for Tomorrow's Medical School Applicants & Students Essays That Will Get You into Medical School (Essays That Will Get You Into...Series) [Second Edition] (Barron's Essays That Will Get You Into Medical School) Medical School Interviews: A Practical Guide to Help You Get That Place at Medical School - Over 150 Questions Analysed The Harvard Medical School Guide to Achieving Optimal MemoryÃ Ã Ã  [HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL GT ACHI] [Paperback] The

New Medical School Preparation & Admissions Guide, 2016: New & Updated For Tomorrow's Medical School Applicants and Students Harvard Medical School Guide to Lowering Your Blood Pressure (Harvard Medical School Guides) Harvard Medical School Guide to Healing Your Sinuses (Harvard Medical School Guides) Harvard Medical School The Joint Pain Relief Workout: Healing exercises for your shoulders, hips, knees, and ankles (Harvard Medical School Special Health Reports) Harvard Medical School Living Wills: A guide to advance directives, health care power of attorney, and other key documents (Harvard Medical School Special Health Reports) Heart Health: Heart Healthy Cookbook: 30 Quick & Easy, Heart Healthy Greek Recipes For Smart Heart Health (cooking, weight loss, weight maintenance) (cooking, ... weight maintenance, weight watchers Book 1) Surgery Open Heart: A Surgical Nurse Guides You Through Open Heart Surgery (Open Heart Surgery, Aortic Valve / Mitral Valve Replacement, Coronary Artery Bypass, Aortic Aneurysm, Myxoma) Medical Terminology Mastery: Proven Memory Techniques to Help Pre Med School & Nursing Course Students Learn How to Creatively Remember Medical Terms to ... Memory Now | Medical Students Book 1)

[Dmca](#)