

ROBERT SCHWAB, M.D.

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PHYSICIAN AND PROFESSOR

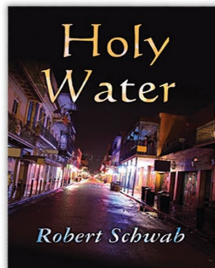
Dr. Robert Schwab has had a long and varied career in medicine. Currently the Chief Medical Officer at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Allen, he came to North Texas in 2010 from Kansas City, where he served as Chief of Emergency Medicine at Truman Medical Center as well as a Palliative Medicine physician. Previously, he served as professor and chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine and professor of Medical Humanities at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine. Originally from Virginia, he graduated from medical school at the University of Virginia.

AUTHOR AND SPEAKER

Dr. Schwab is an author and a speaker, with a passion for the ways in which the study of the humanities can benefit those who are pursuing a career in healthcare (and their patients). The humanities, he believes, by asking us to confront the human condition and experience life from a variety of viewpoints, are instrumental in helping disease-fighters also become healers. The arts, humanities and self-care are also part of his "prescription" to help med students and practicing physicians avoid the growing problem of burnout, depression and suicide.

Dr. Schwab has lectured around the country and is a sought-after speaker at universities, medical schools, conferences, hospitals and other medical-related gatherings for staff, students and the community. His talks cover a variety of topics perfect for students, physicians and more.

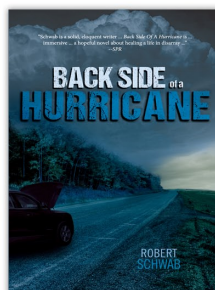
Dr. Schwab is the author of two published novels, with a third in the works. *Holy Water* is about a young physician's transformative experience during a medical convention that forces him to reexamine his motivations for pursuing medicine and to redefine, for himself, what it means to be a physician. *Back Side of a Hurricane* is a novel about fathers and their children, and about the wisdom of sitting still when chaos swirls around you.



REVIEWS

"In many ways, it is a coming of age book, not just for those in the medical professions, but for anyone searching to identify how their talents and passions can best be used in life. *Holy Water* will not only warm your heart, but shed light on what it means to find your calling in life. I really, really enjoyed this book." ~ Lee Woodruff, *New York Times* Best-selling author of *In An Instant* and *Those We Love Most*

"An owner's manual for docs, a book to be given out the first day of medical school to remind the ambitious of the humanity of their profession." ~ Amazon customer review



"Students read Dr. Schwab's book *Holy Water* early in the semester while exploring the implications of a medical career. Dr. Schwab also visits each class and discusses the book's content, providing the students an opportunity to obtain firsthand insight from a seasoned physician." ~ Michael J. Deegan, M.D., D.M., *The University of Texas at Dallas*

"Like a hurricane, if the wind doesn't get you, the rain will, and Tucker Nash has many paths ahead of him: destruction, or redemption, or a little bit of both . . . Schwab is a solid, eloquent writer . . . *Back Side of a Hurricane* is . . . immersive . . . a hopeful novel about healing a life in disarray, and how redemption can come from looking at your life and relationships with a new set of eyes." ~ SPR

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