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**MEDICAL SKILLS YOU WILL WANT TO LEARN**  
**MEDICAL SUPPLIES NATURAL REMEDIES**  
**ESSENTIAL OILS**  
**THE MEDICINAL GARDEN**  
**THE PHYSICAL EXAM**  
**THE MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT**  
**PATIENT TRANSPORT**  
**HYGIENE-RELATED MEDICAL ISSUES**  
**LICE, TICKS, AND WORMS**  
**DENTAL ISSUES**  
**RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS**  
**FOOD AND WATER-BORNE ILLNESS**  
**DIARRHEAL DISEASE/DEHYDRATION**  
**DEALING WITH SEWAGE ISSUES**  
**FOOD POISONING**  
**APPENDICITIS/ABDOMINAL PAIN**  
**URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS**  
**HEPATITIS**  
**PELVIC AND VAGINAL INFECTIONS**  
**WOUND INFECTIONS**  
**ABSCESSES**  
**TETANUS**  
**MOSQUITO BORNE ILLNESS**  
**FUNGAL INFECTIONS**  
**HYPERTHERMIA**  
**HEAT STROKE**  
**HYPOTHERMIA**  
**ALTITUDE SICKNESS**  
**WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS**  
**TORNADO PREPAREDNESS**  
**HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS**  
**EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS**  
**ALLERGIC REACTIONS**  
**ASTHMA**  
**POISON IVY, OAK, AND SUMAC**  
**RADIATION SICKNESS**  
**BIOLOGICAL WARFARE**  
**MINOR WOUNDS**  
**MAJOR AND HEMORRHAGIC WOUNDS**  
**SOFT TISSUE WOUND CARE**  
**WOUND CLOSURE/OPEN WOUNDS**  
**LOCAL ANESTHESIA AND NERVE BLOCKS**  
**HOW TO SUTURE/STAPLE SKIN**  
**BLISTERS, SPLINTERS, AND FISHHOOKS**  
**NAIL BED INJURIES**  
**BURN INJURIES**  
**ANIMAL BITES**  
**SNAKE BITES**  

**etc.**
This is probably a decent book to have for most preppers, but I'm really not certain it was worth $35.00. It reminds me a little of "Where There is no Doctor" ($20.00), but for preppers. There are a lot of western, orthodox concepts that are very applicable to post-disaster medicine, as well as
some that aren't, I believe due to lack of austere medicine experience on the part of the authors. All of the information in here is available from other sources, but if it's worth it to you to have it all in one book, then by all means, spend the money. The place that the book is extremely weak is in the area of alternative medicine, which would very likely be the area that a person needs to be strongest in if there really is a full collapse. Simply stocking up on pharmaceuticals is just not any kind of answer for the long-range disaster, primarily because of the fact that every single medical situation has to then be judged from a standpoint of rationing whatever you have, all orthodox pharmaceuticals will be looted before anything else, and in a nationwide (or worldwide) collapse, there will be a LOT of need for medical help. Although the authors stress the need for hygiene, sanitation, wound cleansing, etc., the part that people really need to know is plant medicine. This is no fault of the authors - they just don't have the experience in the area, so the herbal "remedies" they list (and it is just that - bare lists) read like the typical plantain-on-bug-bites 'advice' that you can find on even the least herbal-literate websites. In other words, useless plant medicine knowledge if you really want to try to put it to the test that a post-disaster puts everything to. This kind of thing isn't an empty field of information in the USA.

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