A SURGEON'S KNOT

By William Lynes

A Surgeon's Knot is a fiction novel of the medical genre (ISBN 978-1-68433-432-2). It is published by Black Rose Writing with a release date of 4/23/2020. Pre-release reservations are available at Amazon.Com and Barnes and Noble. Com.

A surgeon's knot is used in surgery, a tie that the protagonist practices obsessively. It refers as well to the difficult and challenging, or knotty, world of medical practice.

Jackson Cooper, MD, is a new medical school graduated surgery intern, practicing at the renowned *University Medical Center* in Northern California. The pressure begins on his very first internship day, when a tragic patient event christens his entry into the world of medicine. The horror of the event and the responsibility of dealing with the consequences, begins a year-long journey into the encumbrances of academic patient care.

Memorable characters and cases ranging from humorous to tragic, fill the story. From the despotic department chairman, the alcoholic urologist, the sadistic psychiatric chair, and to the sexually abusive surgeon, the fascinating story of medical maneuvering unfolds in harrowing manner. Bariatric, HIV, neoplastic, traumatic, among other disease states, are examined.

The novel is a story of responsibility, tragedy, and terror, as a young physician deals with the pressure-filled world of today's surgery. Destructive behavior leads him to catastrophic consequences. It is a story of the nobility of medicine, the difficult overwhelming duty to man, and eventual redemption and recovery.

"5 Stars! A magnificent page-turner! Lynes pens a remarkable story in A Surgeon's Knot." - Amy's Bookshelf Reviews.



In the tradition of William Nolan's, <u>A Making of a Surgeon</u>, Atul Gawande's, <u>Complications</u>, and Patrick Taylor's <u>An Irish Country Doctor</u>, the novel is an edgy modern look at the world of surgical training.

William Lynes MD (1953-present) is a Stanford trained, Board Certified, retired urologist. While in private practice, he suffered two life-threatening illnesses requiring intensive-unit care, each providing inspiration for his first novel, *Luger Rounds*. His family are the inspiration for his fantasy adventure story *Pirates, Scoundrels and Kings*. His four *Lee W Hickok novels, 606 University*, *Sweet Amber*, *The Plumber* and *Huntsville* are medical genre novels. His wife, Patrice, and he have three grown children and live in Temecula, California.

