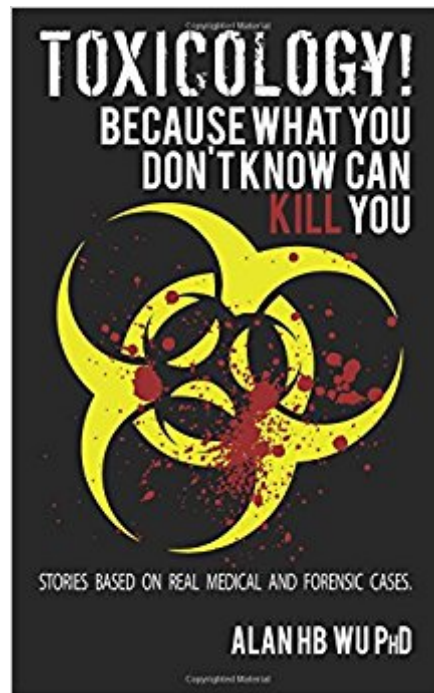




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# Toxicology! Because What You Don't Know Can Kill You



## Synopsis

Toxicology! Because what you don't know can kill you is about everyday people and their encounters with the clinical laboratory. This collection of stories is a behind-the-scenes look at the intricate workings of a toxicology lab. Many of these cases ended with legal consequences. All stories are based on my involvement with real cases as a toxicologist. Because of patient privacy laws, the names and places have been changed. We all wish we had more power. The power to turn back time, to re-write history and make better decisions, but most importantly, the power to save a life. However, the dream of being someone's hero or even saving yourself from certain death or misfortune is a plight that no average person can seemingly muster. Without super strength or extrasensory perceptions, it may appear that we are on our own to battle uncertain destiny. But what if I were to tell you there's more? There's a way to change your fate, to hold more cards, and take not only your own life, but the lives of those you love into your hands. No, we cannot go back in time, but we can set forth ripples of change into the future that can alter our coexistence forever. Toxicology and clinical laboratory testing may be one of those portals.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a great book, written by an expert for non-experts who want to know more about pathology and toxicology. The book consists of twenty-one accounts of cases in which the author was actually involved, either directly or indirectly. The author writes clearly, in an engaging style. If you're interested in forensic medicine, you must read this book.

I found this book very enlightening and a real eye opener for the lay person. Who thinks of

toxicology? I will now. What you don't know can definitely kill you. These cases are a great collection of short stories based on real life situations. While they are all independent of each other they are based on scientific laboratory findings. How many of us ever think to ask our team of doctors if they have consulted with a clinical toxicologist in assessing our treatment plan or diagnosis? I will now. I see a great opportunity for a television series based on these cases. I give this book a 5 star rating. It is a real page turner. Thank you Dr. Wu!

This book reads like it was straight off the script of Dragnet... 'only the facts, ma'am'. Every case is extraordinarily riveting and concise. I doubt that even the most fertile and devilishly creative story writer could have dreamt up so many medical, legal and scientific twists and turns. Yet, each case is true. To the layman, the science is fascinating and relevant in every day life. To the knowledgeable, the science and methodologies must be like classroom lessons and required reading. I personally found the book impossible to put down and finished far too quickly leaving me hungry for more. What goes on behind the scenes of real situations is under-appreciated and the book speaks volumes on this. Robin Cook and Michael Crichton, step aside, there's a new guy in town.

This is definitely a 5 star read. While each story stands independently, the common thread is found in the title. If you like mystery stories, each story is filled with the science behind the successful solution. It is easy for the reader to imagine a courtroom, District Attorney's office or a hospital as the setting as the setting in a movie or TV series depicting these stories. The author is well credentialed as a scientist/toxicologist to lead the reader through the solution process. I enjoyed this book and hope there are more to come from Dr. Wu.

A great book for both the lay public and someone "semi-professional" like me that wants to join the clinical chemistry community. The short stories are well written, and very easy to read. More importantly, they actually reflect what's going on in the entire health care system from the perspective of a clinical chemistry expert, which made me be able to learn much more than clinical laboratory stuff. Interestingly, most of the concepts/ideas presented in the book overlap with the major bullet points taught by my clinical chemistry professor in the class. I strongly recommend this book to anyone, especially the students, who are thinking about becoming a clinical toxicologist/chemist.

Being real, the stories seldom have happy endings. It's toxicology, so people are likely at least sick,

and death is what brings suspicion, so don't expect a great uplift. Do expect real stories, real problems, and to be at least bit more aware after reading.

Interesting cases, but not well written. Also, extremely disappointed by the number of medical inaccuracies. Even some pretty simple concepts were described wrong.

This is an extremely well written book highlighting the importance of toxicology, but in a manner that is easy and interesting for non-scientists to comprehend. I actually finished the book in one day, and will now be using it as part of my classroom teaching of Scientific Inquiry, as I know my non-science students will really enjoy this.

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