

*Life on the Line: Young Doctors Come of Age in a Pandemic* by Emma Goldberg

The news reports of how overwhelmed the hospitals of New York City were in 2020 by the first awful wave of COVID-19 patients, with little known of treatment and a rapidly depleted supply of PPE and of respirators seemed at once riveting and horrible. This nonfiction work delves into the experiences inside the hospitals and ICU's of six of the graduating medical students who were suddenly pressed into service due to the explosion of patients and the overwhelmed healthcare system. I came away with an even deeper appreciation for the heroes serving in hospitals, as well as a truer idea of how doctors are trained and then seasoned by their work.