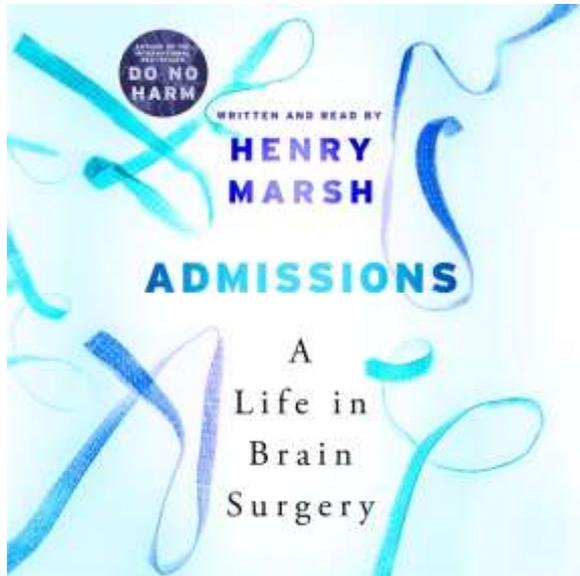


Admissions

A Life in Brain Surgery

By Henry Marsh

Read by Henry Marsh



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A provocative and heartfelt new book written and narrated by the brain surgeon and bestselling author of *DO NO HARM*.

Henry Marsh has spent a lifetime operating on the surgical frontline. There have been exhilarating highs and devastating lows, but his love for the practice of neurosurgery has never wavered. Prompted by his retirement from his full-time job in the NHS, and through his continuing work in Nepal and Ukraine, Henry has been forced to reflect more deeply about what forty years spent handling the human brain has taught him.

Moving between encounters with patients in his London hospital, to those he treats in the more extreme circumstances of his work abroad, Henry faces up to the overwhelming burden of responsibility that can come with trying to reduce human suffering. Unearthing memories of his early days as a medical student, and the experiences that shaped him as a young surgeon, he explores the difficulties of a profession that deals in probabilities rather than certainties, and where the consequences of your decisions alter not just the life of a patient but also of those around them. The overpowering human urge to prolong life can often come at a great cost to those who are living it, and to those who love them.

In this searing, provocative and deeply personal memoir, the bestselling author of *Do No Harm* finds new purpose in his own life as he approaches the end of his professional career and a fresh understanding of what matters to us all in the end.

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Biographical Notes

Henry Marsh was one of Britain's foremost brain surgeons, and worked as Consultant Neurosurgeon at Atkinson Morley's/St George's Hospital in London for thirty years. Since retiring from full-time work in the NHS, he has continued to operate and lecture abroad, in Nepal, Albania and Ukraine. His prize-winning memoir, *DO NO HARM*, was a *SUNDAY TIMES* and *NEW YORK TIMES* bestseller. He has been the subject of two award-winning documentary films, *YOUR LIFE IN THEIR HANDS* and *THE ENGLISH SURGEON*. He was made a CBE in 2010.

Sensational...Marsh is curmudgeonly, unflinching, clinical, competitive, often contemptuous and consistently curious. In *Admissions* he scrubs up just as well the second time around and continues to revel in his joyous candour — *THE SUNDAY TIMES*

Superb...a eulogy to surgery and a study of living. I didn't want this book to end. Henry Marsh is part of a growing canon of superb modern medical writers...whose storytelling and prose are transportative...His timing is also impeccable...His sentences, too, feel like works of the finest craftsmanship, made with the love that goes into both his woodwork and surgery — Jessamy Calkin, *DAILY TELEGRAPH*

Marsh is, given his profession, a surprisingly emotional man, likably so. His account of his younger self that threads through this compulsive book is a Bildungsroman in itself. He is also a fine writer and storyteller, and a nuanced observer — Tim Adams, *OBSERVER*

It is an extremely interesting book, not least because it covers his experiences of visits to Nepal and treating patients in hospitals in Kathmandu and elsewhere. Derek Burton