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Synopsis

In his sixth collection of poetry, the celebrated poet-physician Rafael Campo examines the primal relationship between language, empathy, and healing. As masterfully crafted as they are viscerally powerful, these poems propose voice itself as a kind of therapeutic medium. For all that most ails us, *Alternative Medicine* offers the balm of song and the salve of the imagination: from the wounds of our stubborn differences of identity, to the pain of alienation in a world of unfeeling technologies, to the shame of the persistent injustices in our society, Campo's poetry displays a deep understanding of hurt as the possibility for healing. Demonstrating an abiding faith in our survival, this stunning, heartfelt book ultimately embraces the great diversity of our ways of knowing and dreaming, of needing and loving, and of living and dying.

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A book that cuts to the heart of what it means to be human. I cannot wait for Dr. Campo's next book!

This is a book so rich in compassion, empathy, anger, satire, precision of observation and command of language, that it is a kind of medicine to treat the emotional coldness of our time.

I chose the book because I have decided to read more poetry. Dr. Campo is a physician, as I am. Many of his poems strike a familiar chord with me. Great work!

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