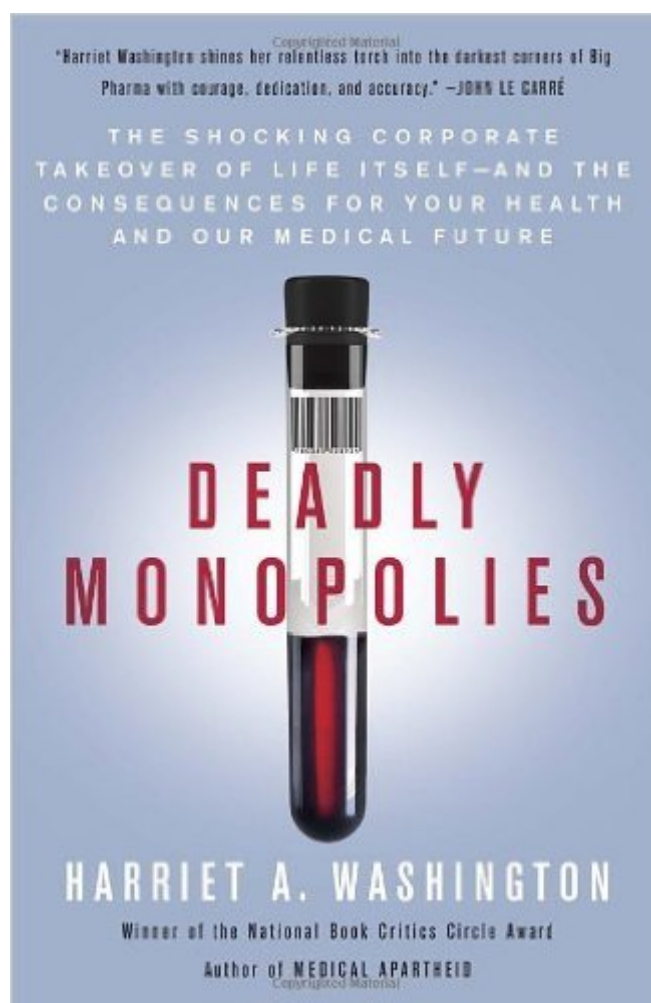


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# Deadly Monopolies: The Shocking Corporate Takeover Of Life Itself--And The Consequences For Your Health And Our Medical Future



## Synopsis

From the award-winning author of *Medical Apartheid*, an exposé of the rush to own and exploit the raw materials of life—including yours. Think your body is your own to control and dispose of as you wish? Think again. The United States Patent Office has granted at least 40,000 patents on genes controlling the most basic processes of human life, and more are pending. If you undergo surgery in many hospitals you must sign away ownership rights to your excised tissues, even if they turn out to have medical and fiscal value. Life itself is rapidly becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of the medical-industrial complex. *Deadly Monopolies* is a powerful, disturbing, and deeply researched book that illuminates this life patent gold rush and its harmful, and even lethal, consequences for public health. Like the bestselling *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, it reveals in shocking detail just how far the profit motive has encroached in colonizing human life and compromising medical ethics.

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Dr. Washington's ability to present very complicated information in an understandable way for the masses is amazing. Her references are impeccable. She presents facts in a way that you can form your own opinion and follow references to clarify and verify. This is an excellent read for anyone who might cross the healthcare system in any way and I guess that means anyone who is alive. Congratulations on a work well done.

An important work that should be widely read despite a couple of forced examples that would have made a stronger argument by their absence. I subtracted a star because of her ridiculing of some disabling and disfiguring male health concerns, at odds with the empathy she shows in the rest of the book. Anyone who similarly ridiculed investment in female reproductive health would be strongly denounced, I suspect especially by the author herself.

I highly recommend this book be read by all functionally literate humans. I underlined and made so many notes in my copy of the book, it could not possibly be re-sold to anyone. A lot of what I read was "you don't say." However, when I read about presumed consent and how in most states it is legal to harvest your body and or organs without consent, had steam coming from my ears (figuratively, of course). I want choke a doctor and his/her co-conspirators.

DEADLY MONOPOLIES will change your life! Once you begin reading this book, your approach to your health will be transformed. If I had known years ago what I now know, so many things would be different. Save your loved ones by reading this book, and save yourself by asking the questions that will get you the answers you need. I suggest buying multiple books or sharing the reading because it's going to expand your mind. Truly a revolutionary read!

Well written, easy to understand and full of useful information about where we are now in the area of health and wellness! Unless enough sane people wake up and stop the madness, we will all part of a profitable medical cash cow.

Shows a slice of government intervention that doesn't add to scientific inquiry. This book tells how patents interfere with creativity and curiosity.

If you ever wondered why the healthcare industry is such a mess, read this book. Ms. Washington explains the details of the corporate nightmare that is healthcare today in America, congress' complicity (and how they cash in because of it) and why our courts allow big Pharma to patent life-saving medications, created for the most part with our tax dollars, and the charge ridiculous amounts of money to sell them back to us. She is absolutely brilliant and the book will definitely open your eyes and raise your blood pressure.

Although this book was informative, Washington used elevated language appropriate for her peers,

not the audience who needs to hear about it. The book felt drawn out and repetitive after a while.

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