Dr. Simonds new book, Hospital Land USA: Sociological Adventures in Medicalization (Routledge, 2017), analyzes the wide-reaching powers of medicalization: the dynamic processes by which medical authorities, institutions, and ideologies impact our everyday experiences, culture, and social life. In the book, Simonds documents her own Hospital Land adventures and draws on a wide range of U.S. cultural representations – from memoirs to medical mail, from hospital signs to disaster movies – in order to urge critical thinking about conventional notions of care, health, embodiment, identity, suffering, and mortality.

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