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explaining Obamacare is the best serious examination of this historic legislation that I have yet seen. He describes the goals of the legislation and the ways in which it goes about reaching them. The legal text of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act runs to 955 pages, replete with the necessary cross referencing of related legislation and legalese that will keep it off any but a lawyer's best seller list. McCan boils all that down to 140 pages of very readable exposition to tell the lay reader what the law is actually doing. He explains its measures to regulate insurance companies, to expand coverage to underserved populations, to modify the present health care delivery system, the emphasis on wellness, the many facets of reaching universal coverage with the problem of finding the uninsured, providing for those changing jobs, covering the working poor, the role of Medicare and Medicaid, military insurance and for children. Improving the quality of health care is a main objective of the legislation and McCan delves into that as well as the many provisions designed to control costs. McCan's description of the health care systems in half a dozen other industrialized countries puts our own belated efforts to improve outcomes and reduce costs into valuable perspective. Writing as an ordained Baptist minister and graduate of the Yale Divinity School, it is perhaps inevitable that he also looks at the moral issues which the law addresses. And, that leads to his examination of the evolution of Republican healthcare policy and its opposition to the Affordable Care Act. An easy read of complex legislation that will have an impact on each of us both sooner and later. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Book with good information on the ACA by Allen Carlson. The author does a great job explaining the deficiencies of our current healthcare system. He describes the changes in clear/precise English that anyone can understand. I'm a strong conservative and I support this law 100%. I have first hand experience in the difficulty getting health insurance with pre-existing conditions. With all the uninsured because business no longer offer health benefits, this law goes along ways in correcting this abuse. This book explains about all the good parts of the law where the press/media critics don't want you to know. Plus the author does a good job in explaining the healthcare systems in other countries, we should put to use some of their examples that will benefit even more people. Please order this book, educate yourself. The ACA is good for America. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good overview, even though somewhat one-sided. By Dave Shep. I was a little disappointed in Dr. McCann's bias in this review. I was hopeful of a less position-oriented look at this most important law. The book contains many facts, with supporting documentation, and it presents the many, many portions of this law that have escaped the mainstream media. If you are a supporter of the ACA, you will find this an excellent read. If you are an opponent of the ACA, you will disagree with many of Dr. McCann's conclusions. Writing as a Doctor of Divinity, however, many of the author's reasonings are understandable and appropriate. An excellent read, if you can overlook the bias of the Author.

How do we create a health care system that includes every citizen, improves health outcomes, and reins in escalating costs? Dr. McCan shows how the new Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA), called "Obamacare" by some, addresses these three fundamental concerns. Learn about the most far-reaching legislation of our time--as important for every American as Medicare is for senior citizens. Understand how the reforms build on the existing components of our system and provide for continuous improvement. Appreciate the political context and background of the legislation. Learn about and compare other countries' health care systems with our own. Consider the moral issues. Help prevent co-optation of the reform legislation by special interests. Examine the Republican response. Detect misinformation and duplicity. Share a vision of how we can create a more humane and sustainable society. Dr. McCan presents complex information in a clear, factual, yet highly engaging way. He invites citizens to become informed and serve as advocates. He reminds them that a Republican victory in November would probably lead to repeal of this historic and life-giving legislation.

About the Author Robert L. McCan is a graduate of Yale University Divinity School. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland and continued his education as a Visiting Scholar with faculty status at Harvard University. Dr. McCan is an ordained Southern Baptist minister and began his career holding pastorates in three churches with 600 to 1,800 members. Dr. McCan founded and served as President of Dag Hammarskjöld College. With a majority of students, faculty and Board from other countries, the international college created a miniature world community on campus. His career in government included executive positions in four federal agencies: the Office of Economic Opportunity; U.S. Office of Education; Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; and the U.S. Agency for International Development. Dr. McCan also taught and consulted in the field of public policy. He was Assistant Professor of Political Ethics at Wesley Theological Seminary and an Associate at the Churches Center for Theology and Public Policy, sponsored by mainline Protestants and the Roman Catholic Church to assist in developing positions on public policy. Dr. McCan's previous books include *A Vision of Victory*, *World Economy and World Hunger*, and *Justice for Gays and Lesbians: Crisis and Challenge in the Episcopal Church*. He is married to Peggy McCan. They live in Falls Church, Virginia and are members of Falls Church Episcopal, where he serves on the Vestry.