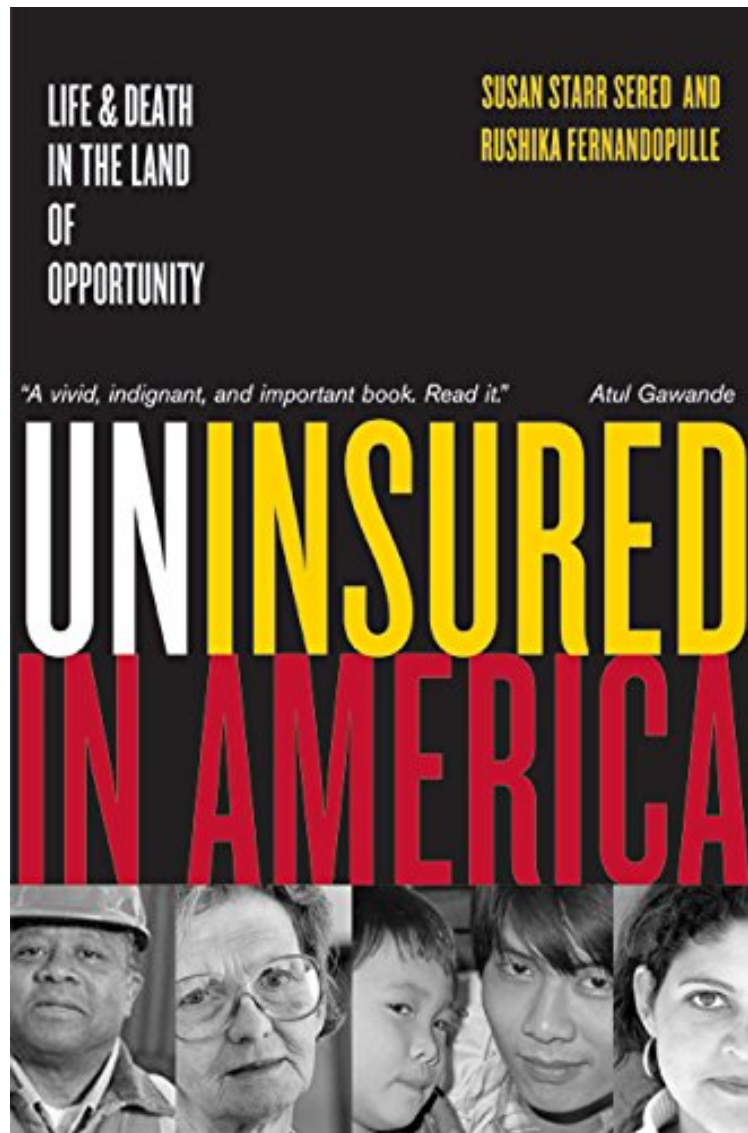


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Interesting Indeed  
By Stephen Pellerine  
Interesting perspectives on the lifespan of life insurance in America. It is an easy to read book with cases of Americans suffering as they lack the care needed for times of need and especially disappointing was the lack of care, in many instances, for the elderly. I am a Canadian, we have a much smaller population and are able to provide people with health care. I have lived abroad for a good part of my life and even in the Gulf for example not only nationals but non-nationals are entitled to free health care at national hospitals. Why can the USA be different - because its political and business oriented. That is not genuine health care. OK, the treatment and facilities may be superior for difficult cases (I think they are) so there is an advantage, but at the basic level when basic health care has gone wrong - how can a nation be proud of that. Many thought Obama would address these issues, and in his heart he is, but after receiving the nob[le] speech prize little change is occurring since the publication of this 2005/6 publication. Too bad. Society loses out there. Careful who you elect.

Uninsured in America goes to the heart of why more than forty million Americans are falling through the cracks in the health care system, and what it means for society as a whole when so many people suffer the consequences of inadequate medical care. Based on interviews with 120 uninsured men and women and dozens of medical providers, policymakers, and advocates from around the nation, this book takes a fresh look at one of the most important social issues facing the United States today. A new afterword updates the stories of many of the people who are so memorably presented here.

From Booklist  
Sered, an anthropologist, and Fernandopulle, a doctor specializing in public-health policy, provide a troubling look at Americans without health insurance, some of whom must choose between food and medical treatment. They interviewed more than 120 uninsured Americans in Texas, Mississippi, Idaho, Illinois, and Massachusetts as well as physicians, administrators, and health-policy officials. The result is a collection of heartrending stories of the "caste of the ill, the infirm, and the marginally employed." The authors describe the "death spiral" of people who lack insurance for myriad reasons--including self-employment and divorce--and whose illnesses cannot be adequately treated. Their medical conditions inevitably deteriorate--small tumors metastasize, diabetes leads to amputation or dialysis treatments--increasing both the costs and the dire consequences. Once individuals are caught in the death spiral, they are unlikely to find a way out. The ultimate impact of this shocking crisis is felt by all Americans in the form of higher health-care costs and more antibiotic-resistant bacteria as conditions go untreated. This is a stark and disturbing book. Vanessa Bush  
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