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Hallelujah Moments: Tales Of Drug Discovery



Synopsis

Drug discovery in the pharmaceutical industry has important consequences for the health and wellbeing of people everywhere. However, the general public knows little about the paths through which basic research findings are translated into products that protect or restore human health: the route from the laboratory bench to the bedside. In *Hallelujah Moments*, Eugene Cordes reveals how some of the most important and influential drugs have been brought into the practice of clinical medicine through the wit and determination of scientists in academia and industry. He shares his firsthand knowledge of the drug-discovery world, having spent a long and distinguished career in both the academic and industrial settings. These tales are "adventure stories," and they trace the route of important drugs like Januvia, Primaxin, Capoten, and Zocor from concept to the clinic. Cordes shows us the dynamic and critical thinking needed to create a drug that meets important health needs. These are human stories of imagination, risk-taking, problem-solving, and perseverance. Written accessibly for a non-scientist audience, *Hallelujah Moments* provides insights into the fascinating world of drug discovery like never before.

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BUT While I can forgive an error of 5 orders of magnitude in the size of an atomic nucleus, no chemist active in the 1940-1970 period should omit cobalt from a list of elements essential in human nutrition (We watched the B-12 synthesis happen). And it just bothers me to see an actual chemist say "92 natural elements" (astatine and francium, at least, shouldn't be included as natural; probably not technetium...unless you want to expand the list to include a few heavy actinides.) A chemist

should say "about 90."But the book is really about the drug discovery stories. They're wonderful. Frankly, the one failure is my favorite of all.

Having done drug discovery in big pharma, I really enjoyed "Hallelujah Moments" for its pithy, but riveting stories, thoughtful and concise explanations of concepts and its attention to the people who made it happen.

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