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WHO IS TAKING CARE OF THE PATIENT?

Like many Americans, you assume a hospital to be the logical destination when you're sick or hurt. Lisa Lindell assumes the same thing when her husband suffers a severe burn injury and is dispatched to a major metropolitan hospital. She has no idea she is being sucked into a medical maelstrom.

Lisa's husband, Curtis Lindell, is showered with sparks following an industrial electrical accident. He is admitted to the burn unit where Lisa and Curtis are trampled by a swarming family. Following a critical error in the radiology department, Curtis begins a rapid downward spiral. Complications start piling up quickly, followed in short order by rampant infections and raging fevers.

Lisa sees that he is in trouble and watches helplessly as he downs in the chaos that surrounds him: a revolving door of robotic medical attendant who are too busy to take care of the patient, physicians who have no time to be seen or heard, and bureaucratic hospital administrators who don't seem to care that Curtis is dying.

Nobody will listen. There is only one person available to help. Dawn Shelton, Lisa's sister. Dawn is a nursing professional with 13 years' experience.

108 Days tells the story of how Dawn and Lisa immerse themselves in the challenges they face and how they handle the terrifying realization that Curtis' life is in their hands. Dawn's confidence in her peers is slowly and steadily eroded and they both find themselves appalled by their daily encounters on the patient side of this ordeal.

There is no guarantee that the American medical system is available to provide adequate care for their patients. All too often, these experiences are simply swept under the rug and covered by a professionally wielded veil of secrecy that is expertly manipulated by the medical establishment. There is no one policing the medical community effectively. We are witnessing a new patient care crisis as people place their lives in the hands of an an caring and ineffective medical facility.

Lisa Lindell skillfully takes the mystery out of the many lesson to be learned from her husband's hospitalization in her book, **108 Days**. She offers important and helpful guidance for all of us who will someday have to face the reality of being a caregiver to an injured or ill loved on who has to the hospital. You better go with them.