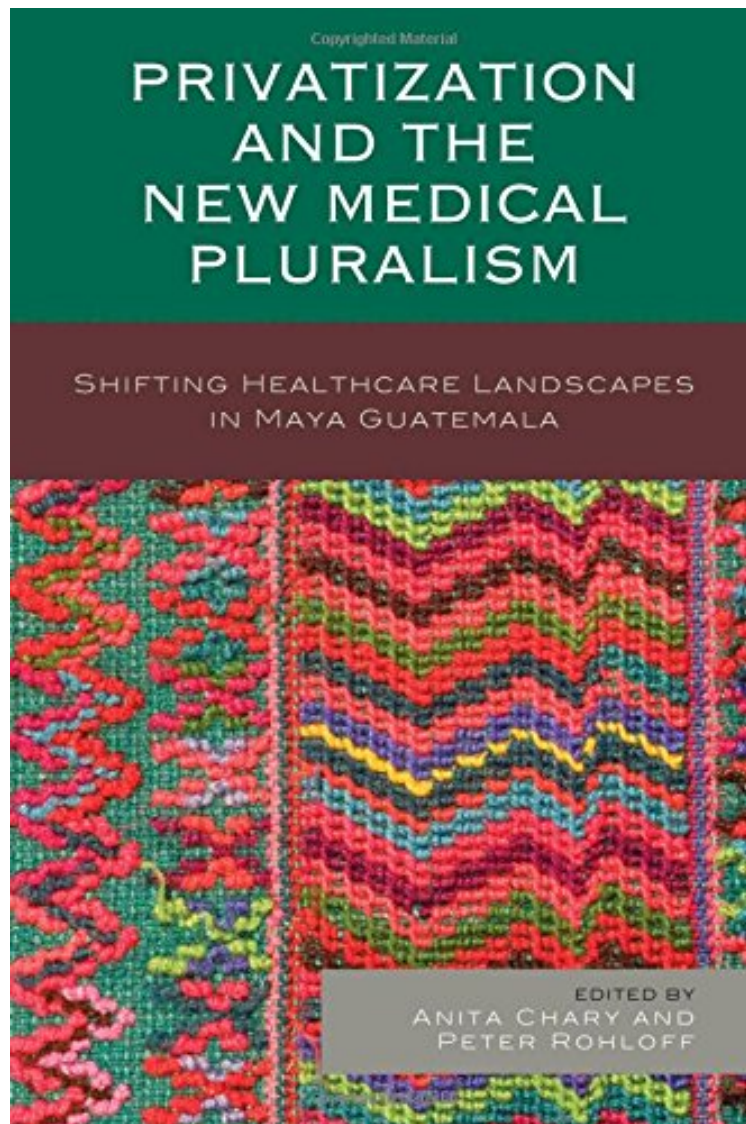


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reading. By Arthur Dennis McCutcheon III am a medical missionary in Guatemala and hard to say I enjoyed reading... if you are experienced with medicine in the developing world I think you will understand. The authors did an excellent job giving brief and necessary history of Guatemala and they point out the corruption here as a factor in poor quality of healthcare. Delivering quality healthcare in a culture so mixed is difficult. The financial issues are laid out well and depressingly true. The approach to nonprofit and Christian approach to healthcare is addressed as well and not kindly. They allow that in some cases good work is done but abuse does occur and they do not sugar coat this. I found myself agreeing in most instances. This group is telling the story of medicine to the poor of Guatemala. They give both failures and successes... would that they made more suggestions, gave concrete direction on where to go from here. I strongly suspect that this book would be valuable for most medical missions in most developing countries in the world. It is a little expensive, but if you are researching third world medicine this book will add to your base of knowledge. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By joelGreat Read! Author poignantly stated all key points about a developing country like Guatemala.

*Privatization and the New Medical Pluralism* is the first collection of its kind to explore the contemporary terrain of healthcare in Guatemala through reflective ethnography. This volume offers a nuanced portrait of the effects of healthcare privatization for indigenous Maya people, who have historically endured numerous disparities in health and healthcare access. The collection provides an updated understanding of medical pluralism, which concerns not only the tensions and exchanges between ethnomedicine and biomedicine that have historically shaped Maya peoples' experiences of health, but also the multiple competing biomedical institutions that have emerged in a highly privatized, market-driven environment of care. The contributors examine the macro-structural and micro-level implications of the proliferation of non-governmental organizations, private fee-for-service clinics, and new pharmaceuticals against the backdrop of a deteriorating public health system. In this environment, health seekers encounter new challenges and opportunities, relationships between the public, private, and civil sectors transform, and new forms of inequality in access to healthcare abound. This volume connects these themes to critical studies of global and public health, exposing the strictures and apertures of healthcare privatization for marginalized populations in Guatemala.

The long-term effects of neoliberal agendas to privatize global health are still being revealed, particularly in developing countries still recovering from devastating policies of structural adjustment. This collection offers stunning and often harrowing ethnographic details about these effects in Guatemala. Without romanticizing the nation's past or glossing over its persistent national challenges, the authors here reveal how the blending of public, private, humanitarian and for-profit medical resources today far too often fails patients, marginalizes indigenous healers, and secures profits for the wrong reasons. This should be a model for studies of medical pluralism for the 21st Century (Vincanne Adams, University of California, San Francisco) This volume offers a nuanced, yet amazingly lucid and hard-hitting critique of the NGOization of health care, even in contexts like Guatemala where the postcolonial state offered little before implantation of neoliberal policies. This "Republic of NGOs" offers a pluralism that nonetheless displaces traditional, indigenous health systems. A must read for scholars and students of medical anthropology, NGOs, and contemporary Central America. (Mark Schuller, Northern Illinois University) About the Author Anita Chary is an MD/PhD candidate in anthropology at Washington University in St. Louis. Peter Rohloff is an instructor in medicine at Harvard University, an internist at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and a pediatrician at Children's Hospital Boston.