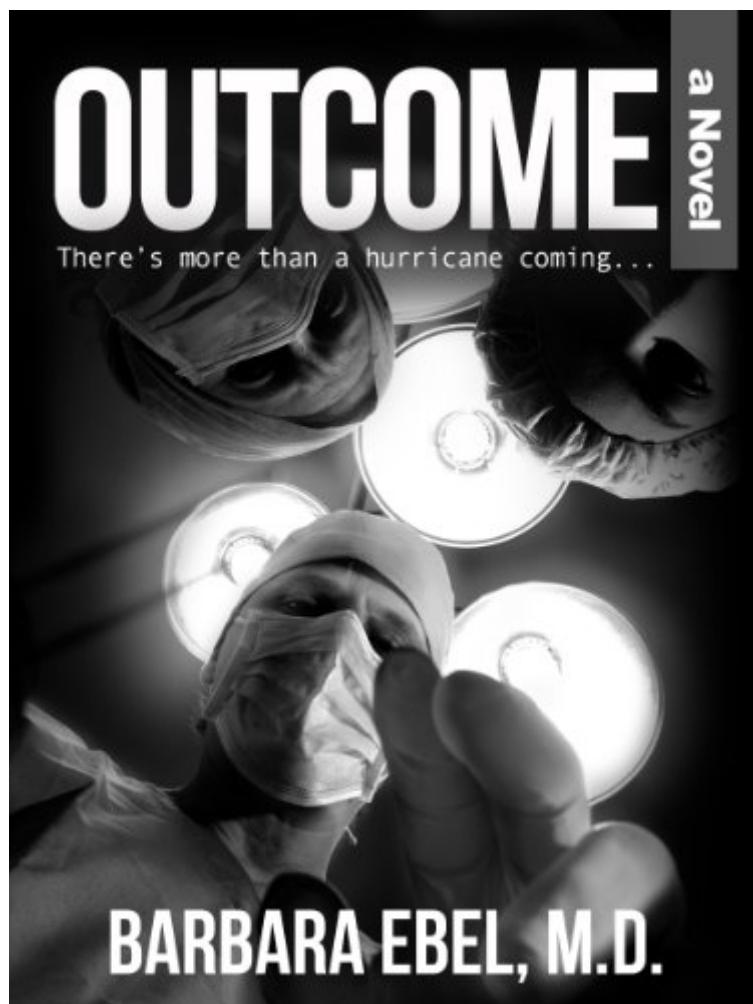


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# Outcome, A Novel



## **Synopsis**

Diana and Peter Devlin are no ordinary couple. Their careers land them in the same tumultuous journey towards the same end result. Both the feisty pilot and astute anesthesiologist are needed for a major organ transplant while the donor and recipient's families become entwined and an unforgettable surgeon displays something other than his surgical knowledge. Both Diana and Peter do far more than maneuver an airplane and anesthetize in the operating room in this layered, masterful turn of events. \*\*\*\*\* Doctor Ebel's other medical dramas and suspense: The Dr. Danny Tilson Novels: Book One: Operation Neurosurgeon Book Two: Silent Fear: a Medical Mystery (also an audiobook) Book Three: Collateral Circulation: a Medical Mystery (also an audiobook) Book Four: Secondary Impact The Dr. Annabel Tilson Novels: Book One: Dead Still

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## **Customer Reviews**

Outcome is a fictionalized tale of a real event, Hurricane Ivan in 2004. The story follows the cascade of events that begins with the evacuation of the Gulf. Unlikely friendships are forged, lives are lost and lives begin anew as the massive hurricane bears down on Florida. I really enjoyed this read. Barbara Ebel is an MD turned author, and she makes excellent use of her medical background. The

drama of the operating room is one of the things I loved about this story. She balances the medical language with explanations that strike the right balance. Her characters are everyday people caught up in extraordinary events. I was caught up in the story right away and stayed that way through the end. Loved this book!

This story had a nice interplay of various people and events which made me think of the movie Crash where multiple lives collide. Lots of variety here: a spunky pilot, a diligent doctor, a surprising surgeon, the grief of a police officer, a great dog, etc. I was hooked from the start with the double whammy of an aborted small plane takeoff and a woman and her dog racing against time to get off their beach. The dog is as personable as this author's dog in her last book and his plight as warmhearted. Nice read (and I learned some things!)

This book starts off with a bang: a small plane has to suddenly abort its take off and a woman with her dog are driving away from Pensacola to get away from a hurricane. The tension is palpable and kept me turning the pages. There are several different characters who all have or will interact with each other in various ways. All but one are likeable and all seem like real people, and I cared about the characters. There's also a great dog in this book with his own storyline that goes from the beginning of the book to the end. In parts of the book, there is a lot of medical jargon which might not appeal to all but I liked it and learned from it, especially about organ donation. Love, loss, disaster, hope - this book has it all.

As Hurricane Ivan barrels toward Florida, a woman trying to evacuate a vulnerable coastal area is involved in a fatal car accident. Through her death, the gift of life is bestowed upon a complete stranger. We follow the story of harvesting her organs, transplanting, and the donor/recipient families' struggles to cope with the process. A parallel storyline tracks the family pet, PuttPutt, who escaped the crash, but is set adrift in a world turned upside down by the aftermath of the deadly storm. Dr. Ebel is a master at writing medical dramas. Her background allows detailed views of the complicated course of organ transplantation. A lot of the jargon was over my head, but gave a good sense of the amount of work behind the scenes and the dangers inherent in the procedures. I found it fascinating. Well-written and fast-paced, the tension will keep you turning pages well into the night. She manages to balance grief and hope, sadness and joy, disaster and recovery. Read it!!

I'm giving it a 4 instead of 5. It is a good read and enjoyed it. But no credit was given to DMAT

(disaster medical team) or VMAT(veterinary medical assistance team) I was there at Pesicola as a registered nurse under DMAT it's a federal disaster team at that team under FEMA I saw the highway split in 2 We did what Dr Devlin did. We set up tents and triaged patients. We have extensive training to do so . Some nursing licenses are not reciprocated from state to state. We practice life like drills. Boats take care of the animals mentioned in the story. It is lack of knowledge like this that led to the problems during Katrina. So this aspect very much disappointed me.

This was a great medical mystery. Lots of medical terms which a lay person might not understand, though. The story is great and I recommend it highly.

I loved it! With all the action and dynamics played between all the players - I couldn't put it down - the best thus far by Barbara Ebel. I thought Operation Neurosurgeon was great and I will definitely be awaiting her next book. Barb draws from her wealth of experience and wisdom, as an investigator - an entertainer - an educator - a dog therapist - a diagnostician, catching and drawing us into the web of her woven tapestry of interest, interplay and intrigue. With curiosity of "you never know" drama, I was hooked wanting to learn more about the emotional roller coaster of bereavement, change, disaster, love and loss, allowing fulfillment one page and one chapter at a time. Great read Doc, thanks!

A really fantastic medical mystery written by a really fantastic author who happens to be a physician. I sincerely hope that Dr Ebel will write more really life like medical mysteries. I highly recommend this really real life like mystery.

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