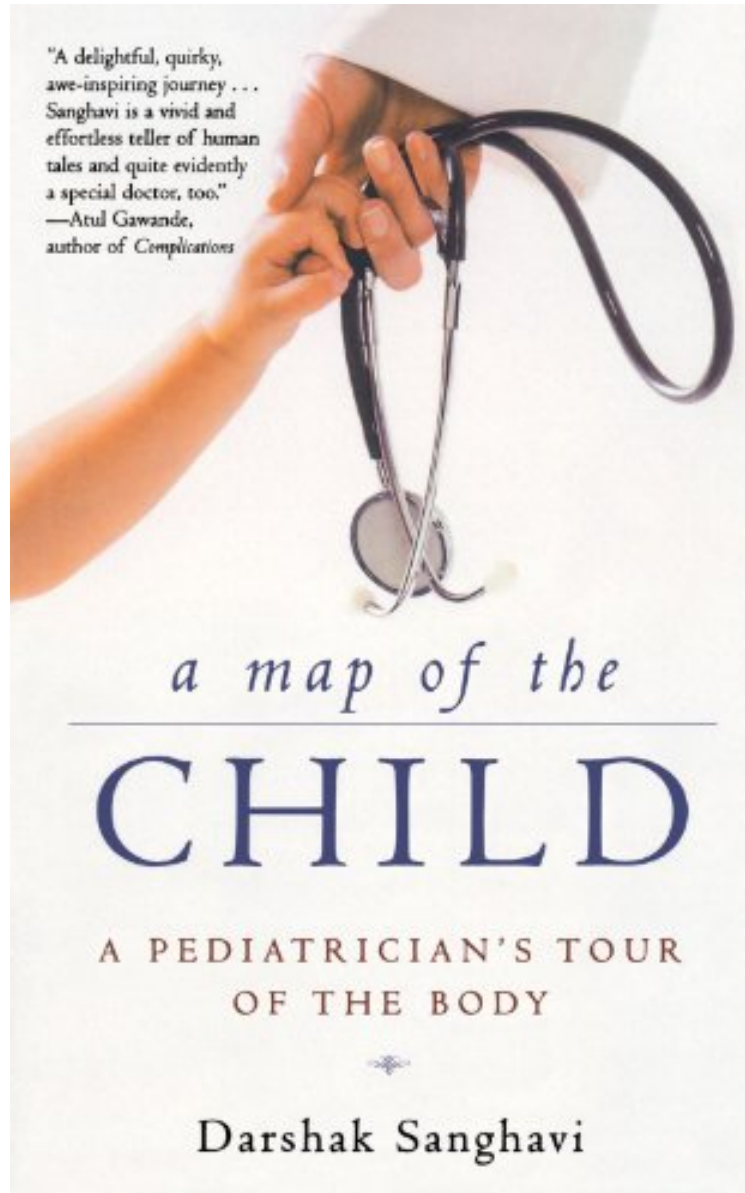


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"A delightful, quirky, awe-inspiring journey . . . Sanghavi is a vivid and effortless teller of human tales and quite evidently a special doctor, too." Atul Gawande, author of *Complications* In this compelling book, Dr. Darshak Sanghavi takes the reader on a dramatic tour of a child's eight vital organs, beginning with the lungs and proceeding through the heart, blood, bones, brain, skin, gonads, and gut. Along the way, we meet children and families in extraordinary circumstances: a premature baby named Adam Flax who was born with undeveloped lungs, a teenage boy with a positive pregnancy test, and a young girl who keeps losing weight despite her voracious appetite. In a deeply personal narrative, Sanghavi provides a richly detailed and humanized portrait of how the pediatric body functions in both sickness and health.

From *Publishers Weekly* The author, a pediatrician and father, presents the complexities of his specialty in this engaging and informative medical narrative. Drawing on case studies, Sanghavi details what can go wrong in each part of a child's body and what medical science can or can't do about it. Sanghavi guides readers through his medical routine: in Japan, working with a team of pediatric cardiologists, he assists in the successful operation on a three-month-old infant with a blockage on the right side of his heart. However, despite the advances of medical technology, some children cannot be saved. Bobby, a five-year-old with cystic fibrosis, undergoes treatment every few months for his damaged lungs, but despite the best efforts of physicians his condition will continue to deteriorate. Throughout these accounts of seriously ill children, the author's strong commitment to his patients and his profession shines through. Although Sanghavi's initial motivation was to increase the reader's awareness of pediatric medicine, he comes to a personal realization that he has to make a leap from seeing "lungs and hearts" to "seeing whole people." Especially moving is a description of the author's feelings of medical helplessness when his father was dying and there were no more treatment options. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. From *Library Journal* Structuring his book to follow patient rounds at the Children's Hospital in Boston, where he did his training in pediatrics, Sanghavi takes the reader on a tour of discovery through eight organ systems of a child's body, beginning with the lungs and ending with the gut. He describes how these systems work and what happens when something goes wrong, recounting true case studies that range from the commonplace (broken bones) to the peculiar (a teenage boy with a positive pregnancy test). Sanghavi also shares his personal insights into the ideology of being a compassionate physician. An outstanding quality of this work is that it shows how the author handles controversial issues, such as abortion and child abuse, in an objective and level-headed manner. Sanghavi's humanism is encouraging in today's world of high-tech, bottom-line medical care. His very readable book is a good resource for parents, as well as educators, social workers, and healthcare personnel who interact with children. Recommended for wellness collections and high school, public, and medical libraries seeking authoritative personal narratives about medicine. Deborah Broecker, Georgia Perimeter Coll. Lib., Dunwoody, GA Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. From *Booklist* Sanghavi seems to be the pediatrician all parents wish they had. He doesn't consider himself merely a health-care provider, nor does he view his patients merely as clients. Each patient has a name, a personal history, and a family. Even though he calls this book a map of the child's body, it is in no way a dry-as-dust word-map of lungs, heart, blood, bones, brain, skin, gonads, and guts. Yes, Sanghavi carefully explains each organ's function and design, but interspersed with clinical information about the organ's major and minor diseases and disorders are explicatory anecdotes about patients, colleagues, friends, and family. Those stories, coupled with Sanghavi's reflections on such issues as alternative medicine and child abuse, reveal his humanity. Where it is pertinent, he adds a brief history of medical knowledge about each organ. In illustrating how and why organs work the way they do, he dispels fears about many childhood ailments. Minimal medical jargon and straightforward language make this a handy reference for parents. Donna Chavez Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved