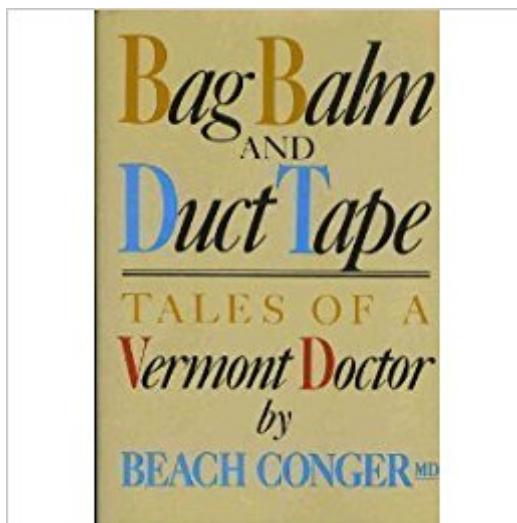


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# Bag Balm And Duct Tape: Tales Of A Vermont Doctor



## **Synopsis**

When young Dr. Beach Conger accepted a hospital appointment in rural Vermont, it was a mail-order marriage without either party seeing the other. He envisioned living out the rest of his days splitting wood, healing the sick, and being adored as a kindly country doctor. His new patients figured they had their work cut out for them, breaking in this whippersnapper M.D. from Berkeley, California. Beach Conger's tale of his training in the art of country doctoring is a joy. Listen in on the hilarious consultations as he finds a cure for vitaminia, induces laconic Vermonters to talk about "private" problems, and even reconstructs the formula for the "Green Pills" his predecessor invented. He especially brings home that most basic consideration -- the need for every doctor to be supervised by a responsible person, i.e., a nurse. "An engaging blend of rustic wisdom and big-city know-how." -- Publishers Weekly

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In one of the author's asides to "Serious Reader" that dot this irreverent diary of a modern country doctor, we learn that "of all the diseases a physician may contract in the line of duty, by far the most dangerous is seriosity." That danger is remote for Conger, who after a period of "finding" himself in the Berkeley ambiance of the '60s, transplanted himself, his new second wife and their daughter to the little town of Dumster, Vt, where he envisioned a life of relative peace. Instead, as successor to a much-loved and canny old general practitioner, he began a learning process under the guidance of his patients, who taught him to be the doctor they wanted. In an engaging blend of rustic wisdom

and big-city know-how, Conger demonstrates the management of his patients and their ailments, real and imagined. His rapport with them is such that he notes with the gently self-mocking humor that permeates his narrative, "although they know I am a misfit, they don't throw it up at me."

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A most excellent book. Interesting and insightful stories about a country doctor.

Great read!

Being a retired rural area registered nurse, I appreciate the humor.

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Great book! We enjoyed it very much. For a used book, it was in very good condition, we shared it with our doctor. We live in bush Alaska (off the road system), you would be amazed at what we use Duct Tape for.

This book is a sentimental favorite as it was written by my mother's cousin. I anticipate it being a good read as the stories are based on fact and personal experience.

Easy to read!

Truly enjoyed this book. As a Nurse and a Vermonter I found this book to be so true of the Vermont I know and our blessed health care providers. I recommend it to anyone beginning their career in health care.

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