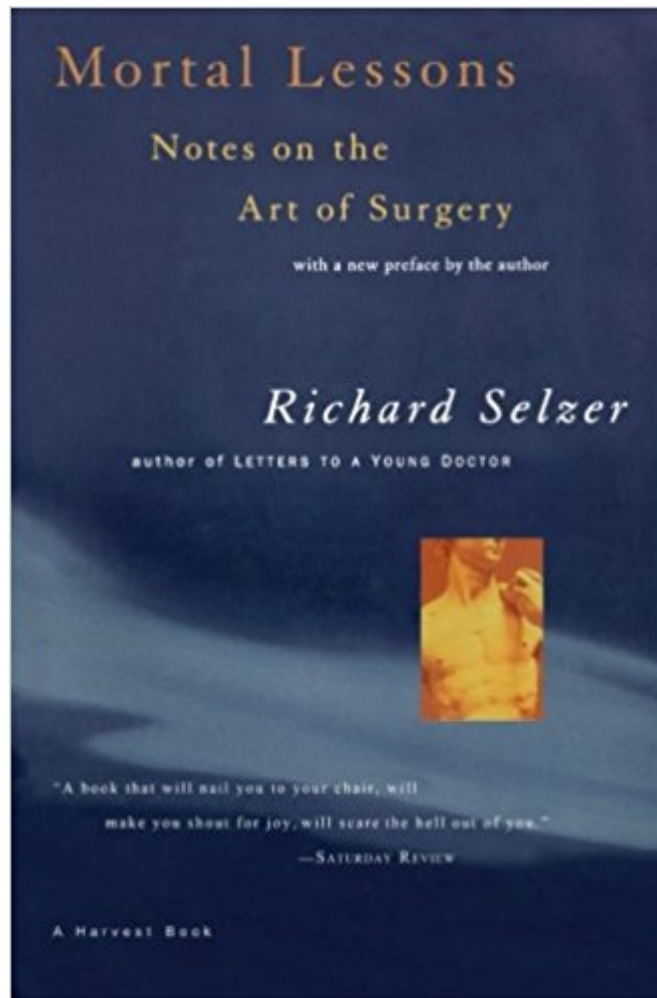




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I first read this book many years ago and have given it as a gift several times. I highly recommend for inspirational content, beautiful writing, and a brilliant mind I wish I knew/had known.

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