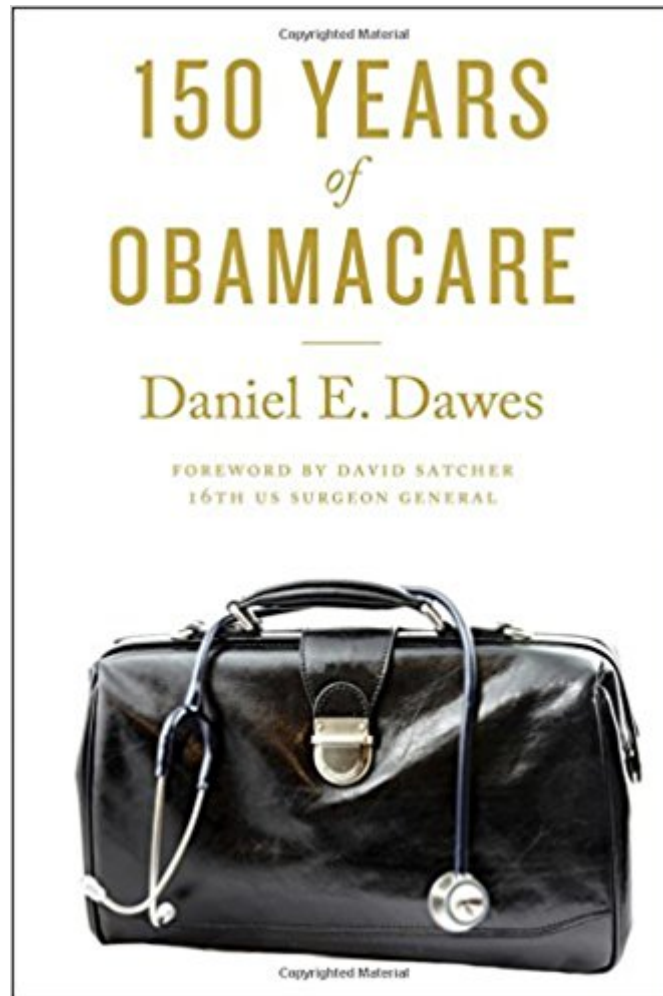




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# 150 Years Of ObamaCare



## Synopsis

In this groundbreaking book, health-care attorney Daniel E. Dawes explores the secret backstory of the Affordable Care Act, shedding light on the creation and implementation of the greatest and most sweeping equalizer in the history of American health care. An eye-opening and authoritative narrative written from an insider's perspective, *150 Years of ObamaCare* debunks contemporary understandings of health reform. It also provides a comprehensive and unprecedented review of the health equity movement and the little-known leadership efforts that were crucial to passing public policies and laws reforming mental health, minority health, and universal health. An instrumental player in a large coalition of organizations that helped shape ObamaCare, Dawes tells the story of the Affordable Care Act with urgency and intimate detail. He reveals what went on behind the scenes by including copies of letters and e-mails written by the people and groups who worked to craft and pass the law. Dawes explains the law through a health equity lens, focusing on what it is meant to do and how it affects various groups. Ultimately, he argues that ObamaCare is much more comprehensive in the context of previous reform efforts than is typically understood. In an increasingly polarized political environment, health reform has been caught in the cross fire of the partisan struggle, making it difficult to separate fact from fiction. Offering unparalleled and complete insight into the efforts by the Obama administration, Congress, and external stakeholders, *150 Years of ObamaCare* illuminates one of the most challenging legislative feats in the history of the United States.

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"... An informative and enticing book... Dawes combines his on-the-ground perspective with that of a longtime scholar and advocate for the reduction and elimination of health disparities." (Health Affairs)"... This text is invaluable for its data alone. Dawes provides an informed perspective on U.S. health care, its evolution, and how the ACA ultimately became law; but ObamaCare is also a good information source, a neutral chronicle... I enthusiastically recommend this book to anyone interested in learning more about the act and U.S. health care policy." (Florida Bar)"Putting the struggle to pass and implement the Affordable Care Act into historic perspective is a valuable contribution to understanding how difficult this effort has been and how significant the passage of health reform is for the citizens and the economy of our country. Daniel Dawes brings to life the extraordinary efforts of advocates, lawmakers, and citizens to increase access to quality health care for those who have long been marginalized and excluded. 150 years of Obamacare is an important and comprehensive volume." (Kathleen Sebelius, former Secretary of Health and Human Services)"In this groundbreaking work, Dawes cuts through the noise by combining a history of past public policies and the health equity movement in America with his intimate knowledge of the ACA. He puts the law into context and powerfully explains what is at stake in the future for health reform." (Andrew Young, Ambassador)"In extending health insurance coverage to millions of people, the Affordable Care Act is a game-changer for those with mental health and substance use disorders. Daniel Dawes tells the story of how the law was developed and passed and its role in reshaping American health care. An illuminating study for anyone who cares about health equity!" (Patrick J. Kennedy, former Congressman, author of A Common Struggle)" 150 Years of ObamaCare is a masterful and thought-provoking, must read, exploration of health reform past, present, and future." (Garth Graham, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Minority Health)"This book tells the little-known and never publicized story about the work of congressional leaders behind the scenes to ensure that health equity would be a core goal of this landmark legislation. Daniel Dawes illuminates the nuts-and-bolts processes of getting it done and ensuring that certain communities would not again be left behind or left out!" (Donna Christensen, MD, former Congresswoman)"Daniel Dawes provides an impressive, brilliant, evenhanded and deeply convincing narrative on why ObamaCare matters, how it impacts different groups in our society, and what is left to do. This book should be read by everyone interested in health care, politics, health policy, or civil rights." (Louis Sullivan, former Secretary of Health and Human Services and author, Breaking Ground: My Life in Medicine)

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Just finished reading the book last night on kindle. Book clearly highlights the inner workings of congress, executive branch, and Judiciary and their roles in enacting OBAMACARE. Doesn't matter which side of the fence you are on the topic of Health Care policies, this book is an incredible tool to educate yourself about the history of health care policies and bills that have shaped our country for the last 150 years. Authors details times lines and key events in history. Also there is a chapter detailing what is Obamacare and how it will shape the next 20 years of medicine. An amazing read, as a fellow medical student, I high recommend this book to all of my colleagues. Also I would highly recommend this book to premedical students who are in the process of applying to medical schools. This incredible book will help you understand past and future of medicine in our country. This must know stuff before you start your career in medicine.

Daniel E. Dawes is to be commended on His extraordinary work, time and efforts to share The Affordable Care Act, and all of those Who soldiered for equality in healthcare for the poor and voiceless, as the late Honorable Congressman Louis Stokes (Ohio) did in Congress for many years. Attorney Daniel Dawes is continuing on with the struggle for future generations by passing great knowledge of the pass 150 years of efforts made by many never mentioned or heard of. And how President Obama was chosen by God to make it a reality. Excellent !! MUST READ BOOK / Best Seller in Health Care 2016

This brilliant book is interesting and informative. My genre of choice is fiction, so I was very pleasantly surprised that this book kept me reading. It is written in a very engaging style which takes the reader on a journey through Obamacare without the stodginess which usually accompanies books which seek to tackle this subject matter. I would wholly commend it to those interested in the area, those who think they might be, and even those for whom Obamacare has not really crossed their line of sight. It acts as a keen lens to the experienced and uninitiated. In doing so it breathes life into an important area which affects us all, making it reader friendly. Daniel Dawes' piece of work is a must read.

A non-combative, detailed, and refreshingly accurate explanation of the extraordinary labor of work that culminated in the Affordable Care Act is finally here! 150 Years of Obamacare is a gift of a reference that gets to the "heart" of this continuously scrutinized (yet absolutely necessary) reform. The insider perspective that the book provides is extremely helpful, and brilliantly spotlights the tireless human effort that went into trying to effectuate the change that was so necessary for a struggling (some argue "failing") system. Daniel Dawes does not shy away from highlighting what it took to overcome what seemed to be never-ending obstacles to finalize the reform, while discreetly celebrating why hard work is necessary to do something this... BIG. This book is an eye-opener that sheds light on myths about Obamacare that some still believe today. The read is thought provoking, sometimes shocking, and absolutely necessary. A must-read, no matter your position on the passing of The Affordable Care Act.

Mr. Dawes provides us with the most well researched, thorough and professional account of the long winding history of the evolution of the US Healthcare system as we know it today. He provides us a fascinating and factual historical recounting of the struggles of the most important leaders and pioneers who fought to bring health equity and social justice as a defining issue in US health care politics. For any person who strives to understand fully how we arrived at this point in our nations healthcare history I highly recommend this authoritative review so expertly crafted by Mr. Dawes, a true thought leader for our time. Well Done!

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150 Years of ObamaCare provides a fascinating, in-depth history of healthcare policymaking. The book lays the foundation for health equity advocacy by demonstrating that coalitions, clear and uniform messaging and persistence were the keys to embedding health equity principles within the nation's most comprehensive health reform law. Scholars from many disciplines, including health policy, public health, medicine and law will learn from Mr. Dawes's first-hand experiences that he so eloquently portrayed in this book.

150 Years of Obamacare is a fast and engaging read. Not only does it provide an eyewitness account to history but it serves as an informative catalogue on the health disparities portion of the new law. You don't have to be a policy wonk to appreciate this book, and you'll walk away

understanding more about the new health care law and how many key provisions work across many government agencies. Give it a read--you won't be sorry.

Daniel Dawes' book is a fantastic history of healthcare legislation in this country. Who knew healthcare legislation went as far back as it does. Mr. Dawes' research is impeccable. He delves into the history but most importantly deconstructs Obamacare so that it is more understandable. His writing is incisive, clear, poignant, and stimulating. Mr. Dawes has written the definitive history of Obamacare.

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