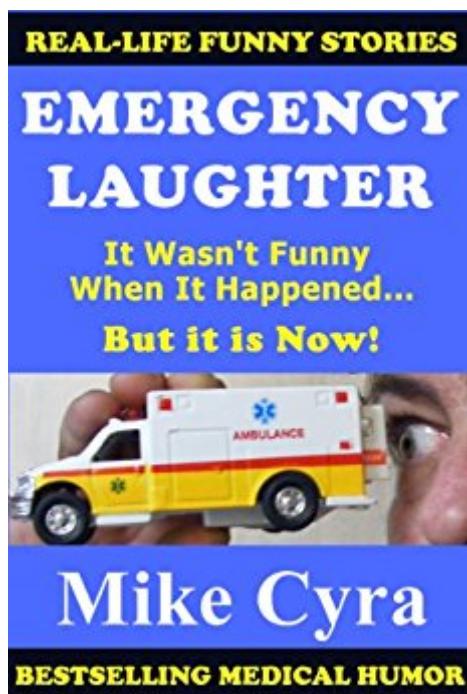


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# Emergency Laughter: It Wasn't Funny When It Happened, But It Is Now!



## Synopsis

Real life medical drama is OK but true stories of emergency medicine that make you laugh out loud are better! Mike Cyra's comedic storytelling style of writing is hilarious. Experience what it's like to drive an Emergency Vehicle through traffic. Learn how not to deliver a baby; how to fake unconsciousness; fun ways to chop your fingers off and why controlling your imagination is so crucial, when you find yourself alone in a morgue refrigerator, and the lights go out. Stare death in the face and live to tell about it at the hands of vomiting children, and old women who spit food. Laughter helps the mind, heals the body and is a critical survival tool for all who deal with death, dying and disaster up close. Emergency Laughter shows that it's OK to laugh at yourself and the world around you. Mike Cyra spent twenty years working in Emergency Medicine and Surgery as a Surgical Technologist, an Emergency Medical Technician on ambulances, a Bering Sea Medic and an instructor of Basic Life Support and Maritime Emergency Medicine.

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## Customer Reviews

I read one of Mike Cyra's stories on a blog before I got the book to read, and I laughed so hard at the story I read, I just had to check out the book. The book isn't bad. However, after reading the one story on the blog, the book disappointed me some. The writing for many of the stories is not very professional--it has a very blog-like, amateur writer and amateur comedian feel to the writing style. The stories, however, most of them are pretty humorous. Not to sound all sexist, but some of the stories are probably going to be funnier to guys than to most ladies. The humor is the type my young adult son absolutely loves and roars at, but those stories only really just made me chuckle or sort of shrug my shoulders. They weren't bad stories, per se, but they just weren't my thing. Then there were some stories that made me really laugh. So it was hit or miss, but it was worth the time to read them. My personal take on it is that if the author were to hone up on his actual writing skills, he's got some raw talent here that can develop into a really great sense of professional writing humor. I believe this is a first book of this nature for author Mike Cyra, and as such, it's a good freshman effort. I think if he continues with this course, we'll either see that he gave everything he had to this first book and is a one-hit wonder, or he's going to totally excel and blow us away once his talent has had some time to mature and develop (and I mean the talent mature--I do NOT mean the author is immature--but there are (chuckle) many 'immature' stories that will make you laugh at the silliness in this book). Think Dave Barry, but not quite as 'clean' and definitely not as polished yet. So if you like to laugh and you don't mind some gallows humor and body functions and blood and guts and locker room humor don't bother you, you might really like this book. Even if you don't care for that type of humor, there are still a few stories in here you might find you like a lot. A great effort and a pleasurable read. I'll definitely keep an eye out for more.

People are giving this book terrible reviews because they actually believe everything written actually happened. I think many of the stories are embellished far beyond the reality. Do I believe an experienced and mature EMT would steal pricey hospital equipment and use it to shoot a needle into a colleague's rear? No. Do I believe that the author was afraid when he pushed a corpse in the dark refer before turning the light on and the door slammed behind him? No. Do I believe that 70% of what was written is pure imagination? Yes. And yes, explaining how to steal hospital clothing is, well, just tacky. Mr. Cyra isn't a terrible writer and he is sometimes funny. And if they can make TV shows about outrageous things that happened in the ER, I don't see why Mr. Cyra can't publish his fiction with a few grains of truth. Just don't know if I will read any more of it even though I have the second book.

An excellent book for those involved in the Human Medicine business. Whether you are an Nurses' aide. RN, LVN, M.D, Physical or Respiratory therapist, Ambulance or even Firefighter; ANYONE who deals with the Public Health should read this book for medicinal purposes. LOL. The author writes that makes you feel that you completely understand where he is coming from, and you are just reeling with laughter, even though you might be tired, disgruntled, depressed, etc. He has the correct title for this book, too. lol Enjoy!

This is a great read. I would read it when my partner was driving the ambulance and I just loved it. It had me burst out laughing in the very first chapter! All of these stories are a great read and I just love this experiences. I'll be checking to see what else this author has written. Just so much animation in the first chapter ALONE. It's unforgettable. And the vines story? Oh my GOD. If you're in EMS read this. You'll love it. It's no different then kicking back with fellow EMTs, Medics, etc and just hearing some amazing and sometimes terrible stories.

I don't know if it's because I'm a paramedic and experienced most of the situations he described, or if it's because Cyra is a comic genius. Either way, I was doubled up hee-hawing on a crowded airplane because of this book. This is the true insider perspective on the hidden hilarity in the grim business of emergency medical services. I especially loved the lawn-mower-hedge-trimmer story. He really put his finger(s) on that one.

This was a quick read. While there were no stories that changed my life in a meaningful way, I appreciated the variety. I was surprised that the voice of the book was much less reverent towards patients than I am accustomed to (I work in human services). Regardless, I enjoyed the chapter about driving an ambulance in traffic and getting stuck behind a bad driver. I also don't think I'll look at a potato in quite the same way.

Being a former paramedic, I was expecting a lot from this book. I wanted to laugh, and be reminded why being a paramedic was the most wonderful job I ever had. I was not disappointed! I laughed and laughed while reading his stories. I found myself reading some of them 2 and 3 times because they were that enjoyable, and was disappointed to reach the end. I want more! I have to take issue with the one and two star reviews that claim that all the positive reviews are from people who know the author. I do not know the author at all. My positive review is based on my enjoyment of the book. I do think that you need to be able to understand medical humor in order to know that people in the

medical field must distance themselves and find humor in their jobs, or risk falling into a deep depression with all that they see and do. With that said, if you don't understand medical humor, this may not be the book for you.

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