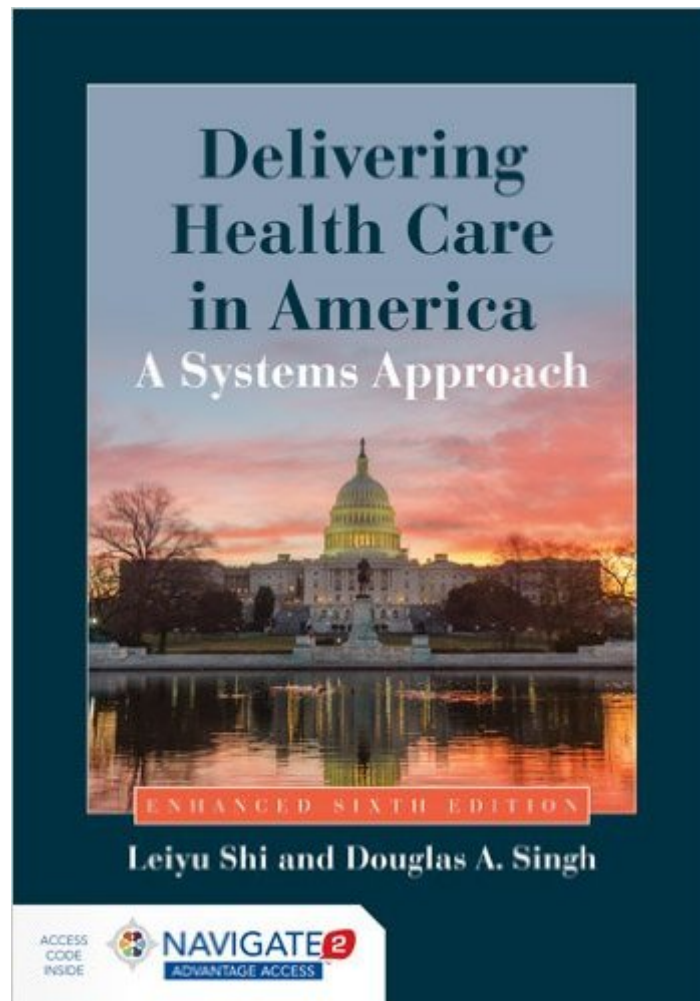


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I hope to give a somewhat objective review of this book, having actually read it. When writing this there was only one review of this book that gives a more-than-a-little skewed overview (and the author obviously only skimmed through the table of contents rather than reading its content). In this review I will briefly discuss the book's content and hopefully guide some potential purchasers to know whether this is the book they are looking for. Its primary purpose is to provide an overview of the United States health care system. Additionally, it brings out some of the policy issues that the system is facing and as some of the history that led the system to where it is today. Overall, I would say it succeeds at its first objective. While it doesn't get into all the specifics of the industry, it at least explains the major aspects of most of the health care system's components. If you want the nuances of a particular issue, you'll have to go to a different book or head to the academic literature. If you just want a basic idea of how the US health system functions, then this gives a decent overview. The book struggles a bit more with the policy and history aspect. Anybody that has spent much time working in health policy knows that the historical events, the policy decisions and the unplanned results of legislation are so convoluted that it is impossible to cover them all in one book, let alone in just a few sections in one book. That said, if you, are starting from square one in regards to health policy and health care history, this does give you a very brief introduction, though the policy discussions are not as well-covered as the overview of the system as a whole.

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