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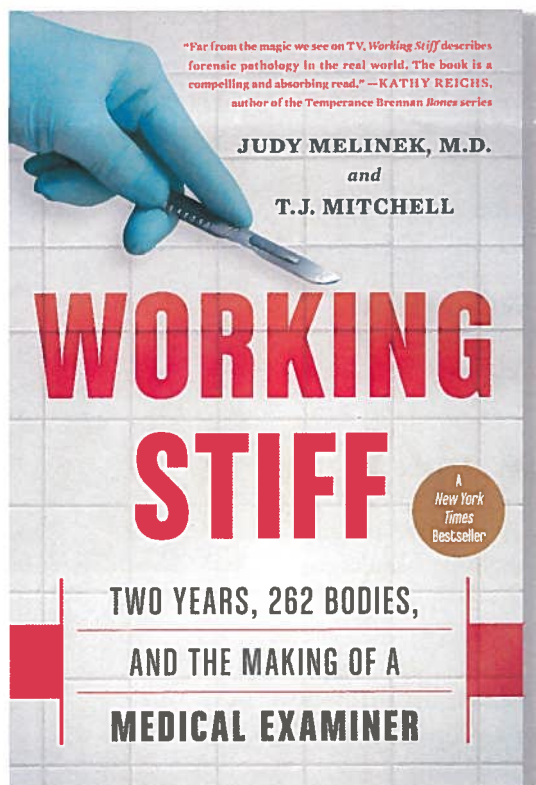
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**NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER**

# **WORKING STIFF:**

**Two Years, 262 Bodies, and the Making of a Medical Examiner**

**by Judy Melinek, M.D and T.J. Mitchell**



**Praise for *WORKING STIFF*:**

"Haunting and illuminating...the stories from [Dr. Melinek's] average workdays should also transfix the reader with their demonstration that medical science can diagnose and console long after the heartbeat stops."

—*The New York Times*

"Spellbinding. . . Melinek is movingly empathetic toward the families of victims. . .

An unforgettable story."

—*Booklist* (starred review)

"In this engrossing tale of how Melinek became a forensic pathologist, she pulls back the sheet to show readers just what goes on after someone dies...

Armchair detectives and would-be forensic pathologists will find Melinek's well-written account to be inspiring and engaging."

—*Publishers Weekly*

Now published in paperback, **WORKING STIFF: Two Years, 262 Bodies, and the Making of a Medical Examiner** (Scribner; Paperback; June 16, 2015), offers the first account of a young forensic pathologist's "rookie season" as a medical examiner.

Judy threw herself into the fascinating world of forensic medicine at the New York City Office of Chief Medical Examiner—investigating death scenes and performing autopsies after deadly accidents, vicious crimes and ordinary, inevitable deaths. Then, just two months into her new job, she became one of the thirty doctors tasked with identifying the victims of the worst terrorist attack in American history. With both empathy and humor, **WORKING STIFF** takes readers behind the police tape and into the morgue to tell the intimate story of death in a great city at a terrible time, including a firsthand account of the events of 9/11, the subsequent anthrax bio-terrorism attack, and the disastrous crash of American Airlines flight 587.

"Whether dealing with routine autopsies, surviving relatives, or the catastrophe of September 11," says author Leora Tanenbaum, "Dr. Judy Melinek reveals the dignity of being human in the face of death." A must-read for everyone from mystery lovers and true crime fanatics to medical students to anyone with a fascination for the science of forensic pathology, Dr. Judy Melinek and T.J. Mitchell's **WORKING STIFF** is an inspiring and eye-opening memoir of a young woman learning to be a compassionate doctor, a young man learning to be a patient father and supportive spouse, and a spellbinding and unforgettable glimpse into the making of medical examiner.

### **About the Authors**

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