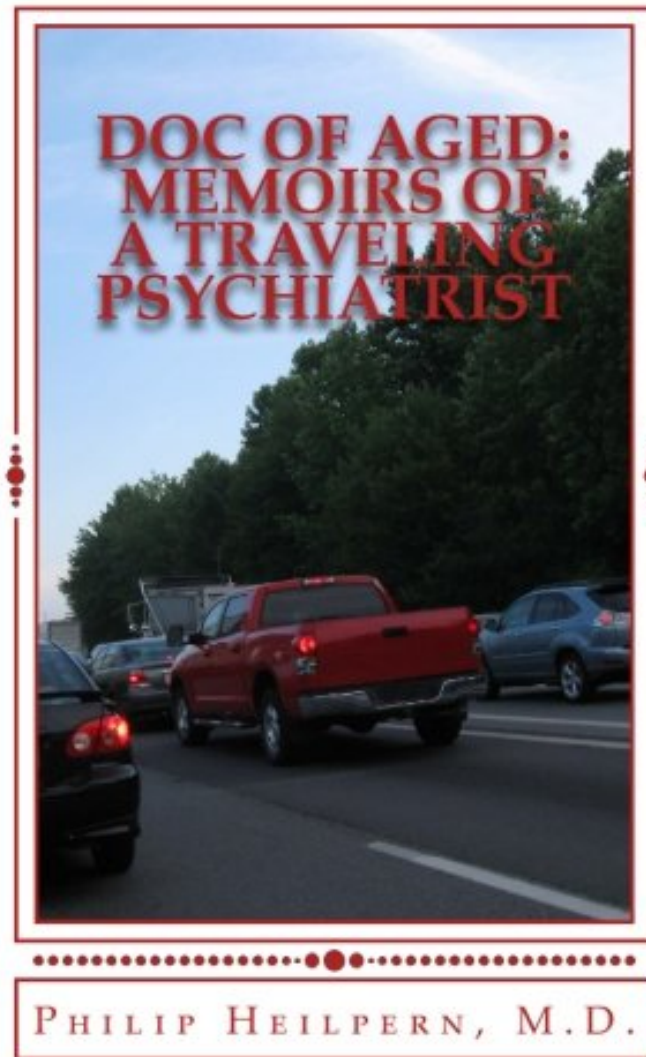


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social worker brought compassionate care to many in need over a period of fifteen years. Many of his anecdotes are followed by a commentary providing perspective to a lay reader that I found particularly enlightening, given their connection to the previous story. Dr. Heilpern's compassion shines through these wonderful stories!

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Humor, Pride, and Tragedy accompany this emotional ride through Dr. Phil Heilpern's personal life, emotions which intensify with his vivid descriptions of the experiences of the "Geriatric Mobile Screening Team." Travelling all over the eastern part of Suffolk County in Long Island, New York for fifteen years, a "trio of cynical idealists" responded to community requests to visit aged folks where they lived, in order to realistically evaluate their mental functioning. This trio, comprised of a psychiatrist (Phil Heilpern, M.D.), a nurse (Pat Warner, R.N.), and a social worker (Edythe Young, M.S.W.), kept many of the suffering aged people in Long Island, NY, from being inappropriately locked away in N.Y. State Mental Hospitals. The reader will share the concern and compassion Doc and his cohorts felt when visiting these people, the so-called "Street People," as they spent much of their failing energy trying to remember "how to be what they used to be."

About the Author Dr. Philip Heilpern was born in New York City in 1932. He attended City College of New York and got his M.D. degree at Leiden University in the Netherlands, where he married Laury, a KLM stewardess at the time. In 1962, Dr. Heilpern joined the U.S. Air Force and served four years in France at a NATO base. Upon his return to the U.S. he took a psychiatry residency in NYC. He taught psychiatry for twenty years at Stony Brook University, and developed and worked with the Geriatric Mobile Team for fifteen years. He and Laury have 3 children, one in New York, one in Georgia, and one in Nice, France. Phil is presently retired (since 2014,) and lives in Stone Mountain, GA, where Laury is cared for in a "Memory Unit."