

The Light Within: The Extraordinary Friendship of a Doctor and Patient Brought Together by Cancer
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The luminous true story of a friendship that shed the boundaries of the doctor-patient relationship and became less a confrontation with death than a celebration of the joys of life. When young gynecologic oncology fellow Lois Ramondetta was first summoned to the room of a new patient, neither she nor the forty-nine-year-old professor of religion she encountered named Deborah Sills thought they had much in common. Now their heartfelt story *The Light Within* follows these two women through a decade of friendship and big lives—husbands, children, friends, and careers—ultimately crossing the country and traveling to foreign lands where they spoke and wrote together about the intersection of doctors, patients, and spirituality. They certainly had no idea that they were about to embark on a transcendent odyssey that would become a soul-deep friendship. Both women searched together and openly for answers with honesty and intimacy until Deborah passed away in the spring of 2006. *The Light Within: The Extraordinary Friendship of a Doctor and Patient Brought Together by Cancer* I really enjoyed this book. It's a beautiful story and gives a human perspective on the doctors caring for cancer patients. 9780061359415 This book first caught my eye because it was written by a patient and an oncologist who became friends. The two women document their emerging friendship and as someone in the field I found this blurring of boundaries very interesting: This is truly a book about the human side of medicine and illustrates what makes us go into oncology. 9780061359415 Anita was kind enough to send me this book, it was painfully close to so many of the emotions I am experiencing: Interestingly it had more detailed and relevant information about Bone Marrow Transplants (BMT) than any other source: A must read for anyone who wants to understand about dealing with cancer. touches the soul i only wish more doctors treated their patients like this. 9780061359415 Lois Ramondetta is a gynecological oncologist when she meets Deb a professor of religion who has a particularly virulent form of cancer. The memoir shares the power of friendship and speaks to the light within that is the magnificent part of being human. 9780061359415 a book worth reading. The two women become friends. 9780061359415

