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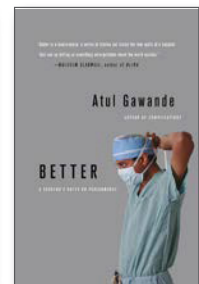
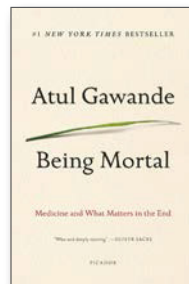
## Biography

Dr. Atul Gawande is an acclaimed surgeon, public health leader and writer, and a preeminent voice on managing complexity as individuals and organizations. His lessons from the field of medicine have made him one of the country's most sought-after speakers across all industries.

As a writer, Dr. Gawande is celebrated for his eloquence, depth of thought and research, and lasting insights. He is a longtime staff writer for The New Yorker magazine. He has also written four award-winning New York Times best-sellers: *Complications* (a National Book Award finalist), *Better*, *The Checklist Manifesto*, and the runaway global bestseller, *Being Mortal*. He is the winner of two National Magazine Awards and the Lewis Thomas Award for writing about science. Atul's next book is on how minds change, with lessons from success and failure in medicine and public health on implementing ideas in a resistant world. Atul's next book will be a follow-up to his bestselling book, *The Checklist Manifesto*, and will explore the topic of how minds change. It focuses on experiences in medicine and public health, and lessons from brain sciences, that are reshaping our understanding of how to implement ideas in a resistant world.

## Topics & Books

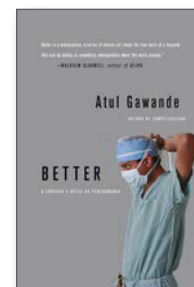
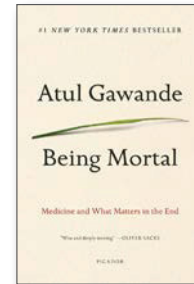
*Patient-Centered Care*  
*Improving Quality*  
*Global Health*



Gawande is a surgeon at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, professor at Harvard Medical School and Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and co-founder of Ariadne Labs, a joint center for health systems innovation. He was also Assistant Administrator, leading the Global Health Bureau, at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

His work has had a lasting, transformative impact. It has made care more humane and empowering for people facing serious illness, introduced a team checklist that dramatically reduced the risks of surgery, and brought coaching into multiple fields in medicine. At USAID, he oversaw efforts and partnerships that sustained health systems in conflicts from Ukraine to Haiti, contained 21 deadly disease outbreaks, and strengthened primary health systems worldwide, saving hundreds of thousands of lives.

Dr. Gawande’s stories and insights are moving and universally relevant. He offers valuable lessons on complex decision-making, enhancing personal performance, improving organizational effectiveness, and scaling innovation. His work resonates across disciplines, providing actionable guidance for individuals and organizations alike.



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