

Alpina
4th Magistralnaya 5, bld. 1
Office 159–169
123007, Moscow, Russia
International@alpina.ru

Copyright © 2021 by Alexey Reshetun

Managing Editor: Marina Krasavina
Project Editor: Natalia Pepelina
Translator: Sonja Swenson-Khalchenia
Copyeditor: Kevin Bridge
Proofreaders: Karen O'Donnell, Beth Dymond
Cover design: Yuri Buga

*All rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced
in any form or by any electronic or mechanical means,
including information storage and retrieval systems,
without written permission from the publisher, except
by a reviewer who may quote passages in a review.*

Printed in Russian Federation

ISBN 978-5-9614-7201-1

CONTENTS

FOREWORD TO THE NEW EDITION.....	9
INTRODUCTION.....	11

PART ONE

LAYING THE GROUNDWORK.....	15
1. What Exactly Is Forensic Medicine?.....	17
2. Just Who Is a Medical Examiner?.....	22
3. Pathologist or Medical Examiner? What Is Similar, What Is Not.....	28
4. To Cut or Not to Cut? That Is the Question	32

PART TWO

THE PROFESSIONAL	39
1. Our Tools	41
2. Put On Your Lab Coat	49
3. When the Cure Is Worse Than the Disease.....	60
4. Land of the Living.....	67
5. Student Life	76

PART THREE

WORKING WITH THE DEAD	85
1. Phenomena of Phenomena	87
2. Examining a Body: Expectations and Realities.....	94
3. Exhumation	107

PART FOUR

TRAUMA	121
1. A Bat, a Hammer, a Stick, and Other Ways to Die: Blunt Hard Objects.....	123
2. Forks Over Knives: One Hole versus Five—Sharp Instruments and the Wounds They Leave Behind	129
3. Buckle Up for Safety, Buckle Up!.....	136
4. Gunshots and Explosions in Times of Peace	145
5. Mass Casualty Incidents	152
6. Off with Her Head!	159

PART FIVE

ASPHYXIATION	165
1. Hanging: Fact and Fiction.....	167
2. Strangulation: “Eventually, It All Comes to Light”	173
3. Death in the Water: Sometimes It Is Drowning, Sometimes It Is Not	177
4. There’s No Life without Air	184
5. Warning! Choking Hazard	187

PART SIX

HEAT AND ELECTRICITY	193
1. Fair Heat Breaks No Bones.....	195
2. The Cold Never Bothered Me, Anyway	201
3. I Am in Shock	205

PART SEVEN

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL	209
1. Drink Like a Fish.....	211
2. Say No to Drugs!.....	216

PART EIGHT

CHILDREN	221
1. Cannibal Parents.....	223
2. You Are Going to Poke an Eye Out!	226
3. Parental Neglect	229

PART NINE

DISEASE.....	239
1. Sudden Death: Cardiovascular Diseases	241
2. Cancers.....	245
3. Tuberculosis and HIV.....	249

PART TEN

MYTHS.....	253
1. Old Wives' Tales	255
2. Worms and Fecal Stones.....	258
3. Smells.....	261

PART ELEVEN

MISCELLANEOUS	265
1. Morgue-turned-abortion Clinic	267
2. A Bad Neighborhood	270
3. Transgender and Intersex Cases.....	272
4. Train and Quarry	274
5. A Funny Story	277
6. Spirituality	279

CONCLUSION.....	283
-----------------	-----

NOTES.....	285
------------	-----

BIBLIOGRAPHY	287
--------------------	-----