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By illuminating the ethnic, political, and personal diversity of women physicians, this volume reveals them as dedicated professionals who grapple with obstacles and challenges, even as they negotiate their own health, sexuality, and family life, the needs of their patients, and the rise of the women's health movement.

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