

If you thought the hospital administration business makes ho-hum reading, try Bill Frankl's latest novel, *The Merger* - a real nail-biting, page-turner if there ever was one! The action here is fast-paced and complex (but explained), replete with unsavory, greedy top-dogs and kindly, patient-oriented docs, guaranteed to satisfy the curiosity of every potential heart attack victim who may wind up at a recently-merged top-notch hospital - so that's what might happen to me! Based on events which may well have occurred a few years ago when hospital consolidation was an everyday occurrence, the story moves rapidly to an unexpected (and satisfying) denouement. Dr. Frankl, a cardiologist who has been involved in medical management himself, has given us a well-paced story and insider info that bring to life the events depicted. A satisfying read!

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