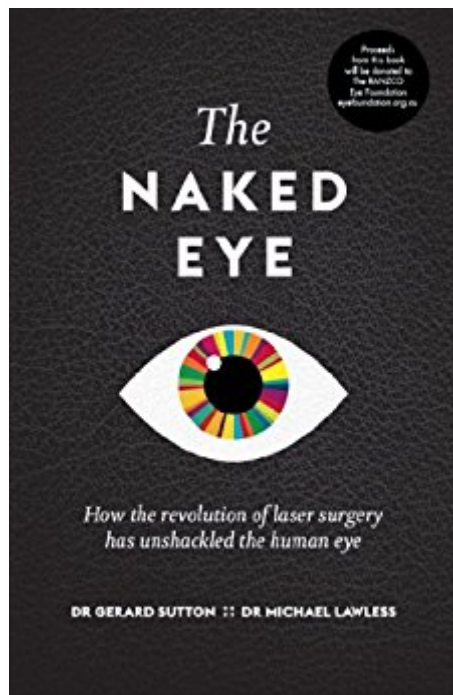


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The Naked Eye - How The Revolution Of Laser Surgery Has Unshackled The Human Eye



Synopsis

Of the five senses, vision is the most astonishing. This is how we weave our way through the world. And although the eye has evolved over millions of years to give us crystal clear vision, it is a modern day phenomenon that, in evolutionary terms, our eyesight is going backwards. Due to presbyopia, we are now dependent on reading glasses for half our lives. In parts of East Asia up to 90% of school leavers are now short-sighted. This has been attributed to work, study and lifestyle factors as well as the ageing of the population. And whilst we all know there have been some amazing advances in modern medicine, what seems to have escaped everyone's attention is the revolution that has taken place in laser eye surgery. Two gifted Australian surgeons, Professor Gerard Sutton and Dr Michael Lawless, now recognised as being among the best ophthalmologists in the world in their field, were there from the beginning of this revolution. From London to New York, New Orleans and Bogota they worked side by side with the legendary pioneers of eye surgery creating history as it happened. Sutton and Lawless have written this informative, authoritative and entertaining insight into laser vision correction and what it means for you. It's all here in *The Naked Eye*, an easy-to-read and jargon-free account of everything you ever wanted to know about laser eye surgery. They explain everything from 20/20 vision to the magic of the femtosecond laser. They pull apart myths, tell you some of the fascinating history of the science, and give you all you need to know on the latest surgical procedures. This is the story of the revolution of vision correction surgery - how we can now choose a surgical solution to give us a clearer vision with the naked eye.

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Customer Reviews

This is a very informative book that will debunk any preconceived ideas and concerns that the reader may have about eye laser surgery. I have had eye laser surgery in 2006 performed by Dr Sutton and was very concerned about the procedure beforehand. I would have loved to have had a book like this to read before having the surgery to dispel my fears. It explains the history of the ground-breaking technology used in eye laser surgery and how it has evolved particularly over the last 10 years into one of the safest laser surgery procedures that you can have today. The eye is a very complex and wonderful mechanism and the laser technology now being used by Sutton and Lawless is surprisingly as sophisticated. Globally the human race is becoming more dependant on glasses and contact lenses. This book offers an alternative option. The book does not require the reader to read it end-to-end. Rather, it has been constructed in a manner that allows the reader to go directly to the topic of interest. However, I read it end-to-end and can highly recommend it.

I found The Naked Eye really helpful in deciding whether to undergo laser eye surgery. Like many other people, I am not keen on anything touching my eye, especially laser beams, so have been reluctant to consider laser surgery previously. However, I have heard of more and more people having positive results from the surgery and corrected vision improving their lives. I read The Naked Eye to increase my understanding of the different types of laser surgery, with particular interest in LASIK (Laser In-situ Keratomileusis), which has been recommended for me because of my increasing difficulty with short distance sight. I love how the book is written in conversational layperson's language and it makes you feel as though you are just having a chat with someone who has a lot of knowledge in the area. I highly recommend this book to anyone who has been recommended laser eye surgery and who has anxiety and/or ignorance about the topic.

This book cuts through the medical jargon and explains in clear language the facts about laser eye surgery. It should be compulsory reading for anyone contemplating this treatment. As I had my

surgery with Dr Lawless last year, it has come a little too late for me but nonetheless I found it very interesting. Although I had some knowledge beforehand, I found the history and evolution of the surgery, to its current level of accuracy and safety, amazing. The format makes it very easy to pick up and read one or two topics or case studies. The illustrations are clear and easy to understand. It's like having a consultation without the surgeon in the room! The background information on Dr Lawless and Dr Sutton is great and their accounts of their medical journeys and those they met along the way are particularly engaging. All in all...a thoroughly enjoyable read.

This is an easy to read, enjoyable book for anyone interested in the evolution of eye surgery as well as for people seriously evaluating laser surgery. I like the way the authors are able to write about a complex area of medicine in a way that's interesting and totally understandable to the layman. I highly recommend this book.

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