

**Houston Hearts: New Book Details History of Cardiovascular Surgery and Medicine**



W. L. Winters, M.D.

William Winters, M.D., a cardiologist for nearly 50 years with Houston Methodist Hospital and executive editor of the *Methodist DeBakey Cardiovascular Journal*, has published *Houston Hearts, A History of Cardiovascular Surgery and Medicine* and the *Methodist DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center at Houston Methodist Hospital*. Written with Betsy Parish, a former columnist with the *Houston Post*, the book details the story of how Houston became synonymous with

heart care and became known as the “heart capital of the world.”

“The book looks at the vast history of Houston Methodist’s leadership in the field of cardiovascular surgery, research, and clinical care,” says Winters. “We cover everything from the rise of great surgeons like Dr. Michael E. DeBakey to the pioneering studies, experiments, and groundbreaking surgeries that have made Houston Methodist a world leader in cardiovascular care.”

Winters came to Houston in 1968 and saw Houston Methodist take the lead in heart transplantation, open heart surgery, and vascular repair.

“In 1968 at the Texas Medical Center, we performed nearly one-third of the heart transplants in the country, and nearly one-fifth of the open heart procedures,” Winters said. “Dr. DeBakey and his team of surgeons at Houston Methodist would sometimes perform up to 12 successful surgeries a day. It was a great time to be a new cardiologist in this city.”

*Houston Hearts* covers the history of the hospital, surgeons, and cardiologists from the early 1900s through 2014 and highlights

the stories of the many men and women who helped create and nourish the pioneering advances made in cardiovascular care that people around the world have access to today. *Houston Hearts* is available at Amazon.com in both print and Kindle format, and at the River Oaks Bookstore, 3270 Westheimer.

**Houston Methodist Researcher and Pathologist Publishes Murder Mystery Novel**

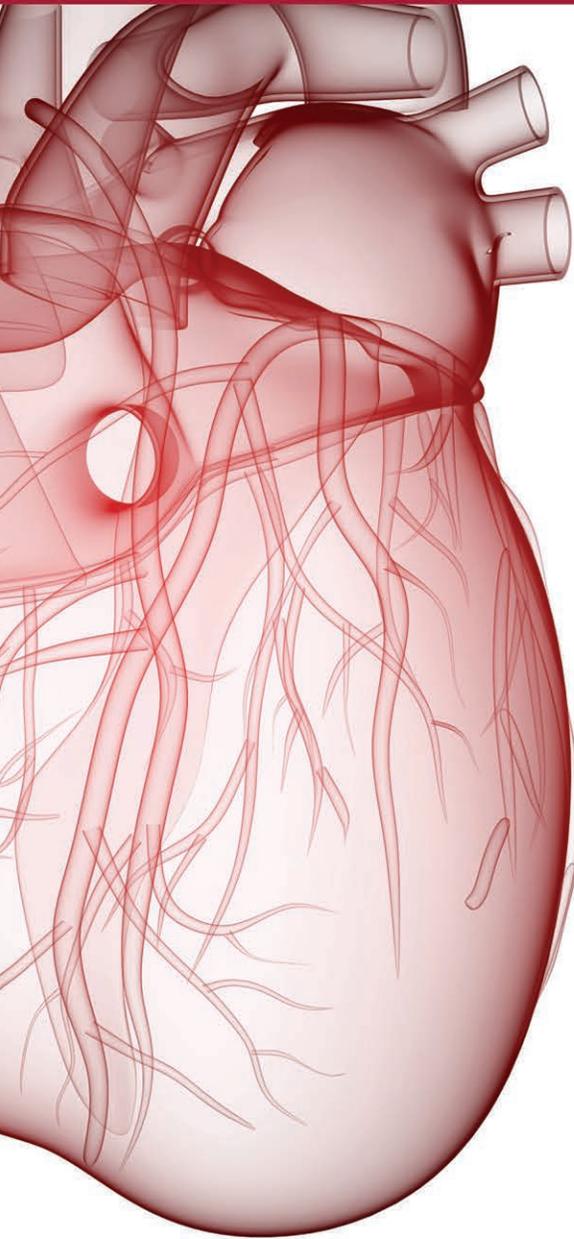


M. W. Lieberman, M.D.

Michael W. Lieberman, M.D., Ph.D., former chair of the Department of Pathology at Houston Methodist Hospital and former director of The Methodist Hospital Research Institute, has published a new novel titled *The Lobsterman’s Daughter*, which was recently released by the Texas Review Press. Part literary fiction and part murder mystery, the novel is narrated by Henrietta Markham, a recent graduate of Harvard who submitted “The Lobsterman’s

Daughter” as her honors thesis. As the story’s narrator, Henrietta tells a tale of murder and deceit in five generations of her own Maine family and ultimately asks us to consider our own capacity for evil, what it means to atone, and where grace resides.

Dr. Lieberman has published five collections of poems and won the 2001 Pen-Texas Award for fiction. His first novel, *Never Surrender—Never Retreat*, was published by Texas Review Press in 2012, and his latest collection of poetry, *Bonfire of the Verities*, was released in 2013. *The Lobsterman’s Daughter* is available at Amazon.com and in electronic formats through Kindle and Apple eBooks.



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