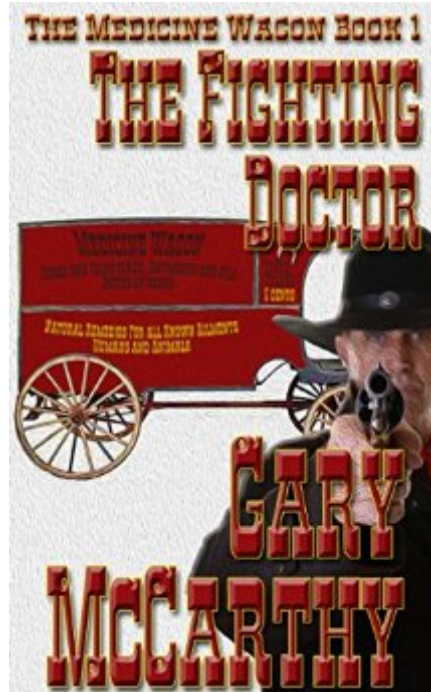


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# The Fighting Doctor (The Medicine Wagon Book 1)



## Synopsis

Henry Wallace is the son of a prominent physician in late 1800's Boston; it's the last quarter of college before graduation. But Henry never graduates. Forced into a fight for his life, he kills a man who turns out to be the son of Boston's most notorious gangster. Arrested by the police, who are paid off by the gangster, Henry is sentenced to prison for life. He makes a daring escape and becomes a fugitive - not only from the law, but he is constantly pursued by the gangster's hit men. Henry makes it to Denver where he meets the strange new owner of an unusual medicine wagon who changes his life in ways he never anticipated.

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## Customer Reviews

The Fighting Doctor (The Medicine Wagon Book 1) by Gary McCarthy is great historical fiction. The writing was true to the era from the first page. Am I weird to say that I enjoyed reading of disease, as it was viewed in the past? I especially appreciated the authenticity of how the author spoke through a character about the importance of the balance of the four body fluids, blood, yellow bile, black bile and slim, and how disease was favorably affected by bloodletting and or purging. But, this

story did not stay indoors, or focused on medicine for long. Soon the final year medical student shows himself to be a hero in the street, and then he finds himself in danger. This is an ideal first book in what looks as if it would become a terrific historical action adventure story.

Henry Ballou is a top medical student, his father has a grand practice and reputation in Boston. Concerned for his safety and that of his fiancée, Henry learns to box for self-defense and becomes very good at fisticuffs. However, when he rescues a young couple being attacked by two hoodlums with knives, he ends up killing one of them, the son of Cormack Tully, Boston's Crime King. Arrested, tried and sentenced to life imprisonment by a crooked judge, Henry buys his way free and barely makes it out of town, only to find that a relentless enemy with a lot of money has a very long reach. Plenty of action, lots of twists and turns, a fine volume one opener with lots of room for sequels. Well worth the time. NOTE – The above is based on a preview copy sent with a request for this unbiased review.

Having previously read Gary McCarthy's books, I knew I was in for great story.....and I wasn't surprised when I finished this one. Young Henry Ballou has everything going for him....a bright future, beautiful fiancée, a promising medical career joining his Bostonian father. Life has been easy for him; top student, star athlete, bright mind. Then, life begins to interfere with Henry's plans.....in a big way. His world begins to crumble. I recommend The Fighting Doctor, characters are being developed, a new future promises, overcoming obstacles.... A very good story, with unpredictability in each chapter. I'm looking forward to The Medicine Wagon Book 2! I was given a complimentary copy of this book in return for an honest review.

Henry has escaped with the help of his father and Dr. Mitchell from Boston. Where he was sentenced to life imprisonment in the state prison of Massachusetts. So he and Clancy go west and eventually end up in Denver, Colorado. While there he meets his father's old friend from medical school, who will relay messages to his family and vice versa. Well Tully sends his minions to kill Horace, they almost do, but Clancy is shot to death. So now he's running for his life he has joined with Samantha, who father was back shot by some bushwackers and she's alone. You might enjoy this adventure, but it's got action but not enough your left hanging, guessing. I don't like that type of endings...Well why don't you read this adventure and make a decision.

I was glad to preview this book as he tells of a young man in his last year of medical school in

Boston. While attending a ball with his lady friend he is accosted by some folks who had been drinking after which he vowed he was going to learn self defense. He took up the art of boxing and found out he was very good at it. One evening he spotted a couple of thugs roughing up a young couple in the park and he went to break it up. A fight follows and he kills one of the men using his new found strength. Turns out the fellow he kills is the son of Boston's crime lord and he swears to avenge his son's death. There the story tells of his escape from a life sentence and his flight out west and how he gets the name "the fighting Doctor". This was a very good book and the action is fast paced, I would recommend this book.

I was not sure what to expect when I started reading this book. But I was pleasantly surprised. Henry is a medical student in his last year of medical school. He decides that he needs to take up boxing to be able to protect his fiancée better. He becomes very good at it and right before graduating, he comes upon a young couple being bullied by some drunks. In trying to protect the couple, he ends up killing one of them. He does not graduate, and has to escape to keep from being sent to prison. He goes West to keep from being found and killed by the father of the man he killed. I enjoyed this book. I was given this book in exchange for an honest review.

A great western about a final year med student, looking forward to a successful career in his father's medical practice, and soon to be married into a prominent family. His career got turned upside down when he decided to take up boxing for self defense. He eventually had to fight his way out of a spot taking up for another fellow who was being threatened with his girl friend. He unfortunately killed the guy who was the son of a very mean gang boss who paid off the law and judge to have him convicted of murder. He was able to escape and head west with a friend. You will have hard time putting this book down after picking it up. I was given an advance copy of this book for an honest review.

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