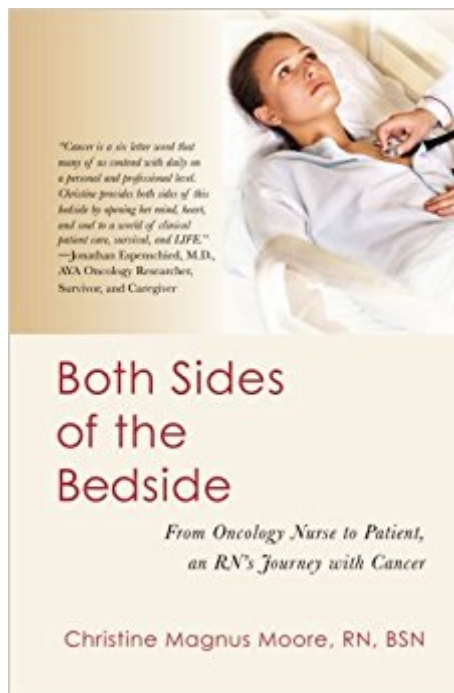




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# Both Sides Of The Bedside: From Oncology Nurse To Patient, An RN's Journey With Cancer



## Synopsis

Oncology Nurse, Christine Magnus Moore, stood by the bedside of cancer patients for many years, caring for them as they endured major surgeries, chemotherapy and even the aftermath of grueling bone marrow transplants. They fought a battle with an enemy in their bodies: cancer. Some triumphed and some did not. Fighting for her patients' health, she thought of herself as a soldier on the battlefield and was amazed at how they dealt with their difficult road and that they often thanked her with a smile. As connected as she felt to her patients, she didn't fully comprehend the courage it took to confront cancer every day until she became one of them. Christine navigates the rough road involved with cancer treatment, experiencing exhaustion beyond belief, debilitating nausea and pain, and other side effects which are overwhelmingly more difficult than she'd ever imagined. Her road is arduous and humbling and she is taxed to her core in every way: emotionally, physically, mentally, and spiritually. Living on the other side of the bedside, she feels vulnerable when some of the doctors and nurses she's worked with become her caregivers...on top of all that her love life begins to present challenges as well. Christine emerges a cancer survivor and gains a profound understanding of the suffering her patients had weathered, discovering that her life has been re-calibrated. She embraces her higher purpose with an amplified vigor and empathy to help others dealing with the disease. Through the darkest of times, she finds the deepest grief and tears can produce the greatest strength and passion.

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"Cancer is a six letter word that many of us contend with daily on a personal and professional

level.Â Christine provides both sides of this bedside by opening her mind, heart, and soul to a world of clinical patient care, survival, and LIFE." - Jonathan Espenschied, M.D., AYA Oncology Researcher, Survivor, and Caregiver"Both Sides of the Bedside is a thoughtful insightful account of an oncology nurse's cancer diagnosis, treatment and recovery.Â If such a story can lead to healing and redemption, Christine Magnus Moore has found the words." - Maria Housden, author of Hannah's Gift ~ Lessons From a Life Fully Lived"Both Sides of the Bedside is a valuable read for anyone who has cancer, been a caregiver to a loved one with cancer or is professional who treats those with cancer.Â The author has experienced cancer as a patient mirrored with her oncology nurse perspectives.Â She shares her story with such warmth and honesty that it will help us all find the courage we need in the toughest of times when cancer strikes." - Karen L. Twichell, Speaker/Author of A Caregiver's Journey ~ Finding Your Way"This book is an intimate and honest account of a cancer patient's journey, who happens to be an Oncology Nurse.Â It is inspirational, insightful, and authentic!Â As an Oncology Social Worker, I would recommend that my patients read Christine's story and experience how she learned to cope with cancer and live life to the fullest."Â - Kathy Yeatman-Stock, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C Licensed Oncology Clinical Social Worker PVHMC Robert & Beverly Lewis Cancer Care Center"Christine has written an insightful look into the pain, fear, courage and hope of a young woman's journey as she battles the disease of cancer.Â This is an especially compelling read for those of us who have never had cancer nor cared for someone who has.Â Whether a health care worker, family member or friend I highly recommend this book - you will be blessed and impacted at the same time!" - David E. Rice, Ph.D., Marriage and Family Therapist

Oncology Nurse, Christine Magnus Moore, helped countless cancer patients, caring for them as they endured major surgeries, chemotherapy and even grueling bone marrow transplants.Â When she is diagnosed with cancer and becomes the patient, her world crumbles.Â Now, she must navigate through turbulent side effects which are overwhelmingly more difficult than she'd ever imagined.Â Living on the other side of the bedside, she sees herself from new angles and gains a deeper understanding of her patients.Â Her Both Sides of the Bedside views offer insight, courage, and inspiration to everyone.

This is quite a read for those in the cancer world; the patients, their medical teams, and their families. This book is a labor of love. The author's love for her fellow cancer survivors is apparent throughout the read. Christine's light shines through every page. The heartache of the cancer world

is apparent throughout, but also the author, Christine, weaves the tale of her fight with 'the beast' with her personal journey of discovery. and that discovery is this: what it 'feels' like to be a cancer patient and survivor. a subject that is hardly ever discussed in public, in the doctor's office, nor in the cancer patient's family setting . . serious attention to what it is like to be in those places being treated for cancer is highlighted by this read. Christine shares her experiences, although very powerful, these experiences are also very private and difficult to fathom. this is one woman's story of what the battle was like. . . Christine is very brave and exceptionally forthright sharing her story, which, I hope, will help many who are in the cancer-fight right now. thank you for writing this memoir and for telling it like it was for you . . .

I loved this book! I must admit that I know the author, and a little bit of her personal story.. But it's all the more amazing that I found myself glued to this book and rooting for her during all her struggles like I had no idea what the outcome would be! This book is a must read for everyone! This author showed real courage in telling her story in such an open and honest way, exposing herself(weaknesses and strengths) in a way that made me feel like a really understood her journey! This book stirred up all kinds of emotions in me and left me in awe!

At some point the life you imagined and planned for takes a left turn and you find yourself on a journey you never expected or wanted. Christine, an Oncology Nurse, experienced this first hand when she received her diagnosis: stage 3 non-Hodgkin lymphoma. She had cared for cancer patients, one might think she'd be better prepared than most in battling cancer. Perhaps. But, Nurse, Doctor or Joe Shmoo cancer eats at your life without prejudice. Christine paints an honest picture of her relationships and her physical and emotional well-being from diagnosis, through treatment, and after recovery. This is juxtaposed with her memories as an Oncology Nurse, administering treatments and offering emotional support for cancer patients. Have a hanky because you'll get both, sad and happy weepy.

The authors no nonsense candid writing style captured my interest immediately and held my interest throughout. In *Both Sides of the Bedside*, Christine shares her unique experience of going from oncology nurse to an oncology patient and the good, bad and the ugly that comes with diagnosis, recovery and self discovery. She does a great job of explaining the related medical and scientific terms without getting too technical and bringing the characters to life. This is an amazing read and I highly recommend it to anyone who has been through cancer, knows someone who has or just

appreciates a great story that is hard to put down. Be prepared to laugh, cry and be inspired all at once!

This was a nice book -I imagine it would be very hard to be on the other side and have a better understanding when you are a doctor as the patient. You already know what the procedures are going to be given to you and how painful they are.

I had known Christine as an acquaintance while she was completing this book. Then I went through cancer myself. The book was published at that time. I waited awhile until I felt ready to read it. I read it over several days. I was so moved by her story and her willingness to be so exposed and vulnerable. It touched me deeply and there were parts that resonated so much in my heart. It is a wonderful story of her journey and her survival. Thank you dear one for sharing with us. It is a moving and beautiful and raw story which is so worth reading. I am an oncology social worker and a fellow survivor. Kudos to you Christine.

Thoroughly enjoyed the book. Being a cancer survivor I "walked the walk" & cried the tears. The writer takes the reader through all the challenges surviving cancer for both patients & supporters. From my perspective I recommend this book to cancer patients to help with all the unknowns and support people to assist with the knowledge of a very difficult disease. Support with not being afraid but help in celebrating all milestones in the treatment & healing of the disease is a blessing in itself to the patient & supporter.

What a fantastic read, Christine's detailed descriptions of her patients stories and her own personal story with cancer were clearly illustrated to me. Her writing was very descriptive and flowed with ease as she transitioned from her own personal struggles with cancer to those of her patients. Being a pediatric oncology RN myself for 14 years and having been through my own mothers journey with lung cancer, I could relate to this book on many levels. Christine's book comforted, delighted and inspired me all at the same time!

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