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The Citadel

Summary of the book

Book talks about life of a doctor, his work and medical system of that time. Writer of a book, Archibald Joseph CRONIN, was a doctor himself too, and that has inspired him to write this book. In his life he coped with same problems as he wrote in story, and that's why this book was so successful. He knew how to write it and reach the readers heart.

Newly qualified doctor Andrew Manson arrives in the town of Drineffy to take up his first job. He's fair, young and keen, but he soon realized that whole medical system is wrong. He was an expert for lung diseases. He becomes determined to change whole medical system, but he can't do it alone. He makes enemies, but also some good friends.

Soon he met Christine and they married. He wanted to change the system so much, and Christine was ready to help him. He changed his job in few hospitals, but realised, that all of them were same, unfair and mistaken.

He worked hard and earned enough money to buy a private practice and began to work. He was very successful doctor. He made a lot of money and became reach. He was getting older and older, and he made even more money every day. He worked a lot, and earned a lot. His patients were usually reach, so he could make more money. Now money was all in his life. Christine now realized that he's now starting to be unfair, just like others. They started to fight often.

Than one day Andrew thought about his past, and realised that what he's doing is wrong. He started to help poor people, and those who were really sick, not just rich. He helped very sick girl, and saved her life, by moving her to another hospital, but illegally.

His life became better again and he was happy. Relation between him and Christine improved again.

One day he came home from job tired and hungry. Christine wanted to prepare him something for eat, but there was no cheese. She went in shop to buy it. He was waiting for her very long and finally the bell rang. He went downstairs and opened the door. But there wasn't Christine but policeman. He told him that there was an accident. Christine died. Andrew couldn't believe. He thought it's gods punishment for his mistakes. For few days he was really sad. He couldn't eat and sleep, but still his friends was there.

Soon they decided to start their own practice, and to cure poor people, which can't afford healing anywhere else. But his enemies found out, that he was doing things against the law, and he was called to court. Although these cases were against the law, they did not cause any problems, they just made things much better he also saved girl's life. If he was guilty, he would be disqualified, and then he couldn't be a doctor any more. But luckily, he won, and was able to proudly continue with his successful work.

After all we see, his wishes came truth and he had changed a system a bit. He still has a lot to do, but main problem was solved, and that was his aim. This book was very interesting and useful. I suggest you to read it yourself. It's good example how can man with nothing become rich, and then poor again, because he reached justice for many poor people.

Word study

The Citadel

1. eager(adj)

-very keen to do something, or excited about something that is going to happen

-->eagerly(adv)

Ex.: The most eagerly awaited film of the year.

Ex.: A badly dressed young man looked eagerly out of the window.

2. awkwardly(adv)

-in a way that is now graceful

Ex.: He moved to get out of the way and fell awkwardly.

Ex.: Andrew was talking awkwardly to his patient.

3. stiff(adv)

-bored, scared, worried

Ex.: I could see he was stiff by all that problems.

Ex.: The light of oil lamp showed that one half of his face was stiff and lifeless.

4. typhoid(n)

- a serious disease that you can get from food or dirty water.

Ex.: That typhoid is getting very serious now.

Ex.: I advise you to consider typhoid fever in Glydar Place.

5. sewer(n)

-an underground pipe or passage that carries sewage.

Ex.: The sewer system in Slovenia it very good.

Ex.: The sewer is the cause of the trouble

6. Forbid(v)

-to say that something is not allowed

Ex.: The army forbids soldiers from talking to the news media.

Ex.: I forbid you to see him.

7. scorn(n)

-a feeling that someone or something is not good enough to deserve your respect

Ex.: I could see his scorn, when telling him a secret.

Ex.: Denny looked at him with scorn.

8. lid(n)

-a cover for a container

Ex.: I tried to open the lid, but it was too heavy.

Ex.: They broke open the lid, which had not been lifted for many years.

9. neglect(v)

-to not look after someone or something

Ex.: His sister neglects her children.

Ex.: He had neglected his duty most shamefully.

10. bandage(n)

- a long thin piece of cloth that you wrap around an injured part of your body

Ex.: He is injured badly, so he need bandage quickly.

Ex.: Next morning he found that his bandage had been removed.

11. Scattered(adj)

-spread over a large area

Ex.: My relatives are scattered all over the country.

Ex.: The children's toys were scattered all over the floor.

12. thoroughly(adv)

-very much or completely

Ex.: The children thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Ex.: Forty-five meters away he treated the wound more thoroughly.

13. inquiry(n)

-a question that is intended to get information about someone or something

Ex.: There have already been over 100 inquiries from people interested.

Ex.: The news that was to be an inquiry caused a lot of discussion in Aberlaw.

14. Hatred(n)

-a feeling of hate

Ex.: His hatred feelings against all are not good.

Ex.: He felt no anger against Hamson, only a bitter hatred of himself.

15. Throat(n)

-the area back of your mouth and inside your neck.

Ex.: She's in bed with a throat infection.

Ex.: An old woman called to see Andrew about her throat.

16. tonsil(n)

- one of the two small pieces of flesh on each side of your throat.

Ex.: She's very ill, we'll have to take out her tonsils.

Ex.: He would take out Sybil's tonsils as soon as weather is warm.

17. creep(v)

-to move slowly and quietly.

Ex. The fog was creeping across the bay.

Ex.: He crept upstairs and then went into Christine's bedroom.

18. striking(adj)

-attracting your interest or attention because of an unusual feature

Ex.: A striking young woman was crossing the street.

Ex.: He reached the office as the clock was striking eleven.

19. struggle(n)

-an attempt to do something that takes a lot of effort over a period of time.

Ex.: People are talking a lot about the community's struggle against racism.

Ex.: Those men had a long struggle before they became famous.

20. rotten(adj)

-used for emphasizing what you are saying when you are annoyed.

Ex.: I didn't want the rotten job anyway.

Ex.: Our whole system is rotten.