

# THE BIG PRICK

Surgery, Surfing,  
and Survival in  
1980's San Diego

*In the face of a new and terrifying pandemic,  
Dr. Nick Jordan and his young colleagues must  
find the strength to save their patients and themselves.*

Please God, don't let me get stuck.... Don't let me get stuck.

This was the silent prayer in every surgeon's mind at the beginning of the AIDS epidemic.

It's June 1986, and Nick Jordan is headed west to sunshine-blessed San Diego to start a one-year surgical internship. The newly discovered Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is wreaking havoc among his patients. Medical science has no answers, and an accidental stick from a knife or a needle could mean infection and an agonizing death. Nick and his fellow interns confront the challenges of becoming surgeons during a time of terror and panic.

Working alongside a gorgeous colleague who just might be the love of his life, Nick faces his patient's impending mortality with trepidation and grace. Their journey is one of romance, humor, and courage. Together they struggle to survive and find the emotional strength to heal their patients in the face of misanthropic supervisors and overwhelming odds.

The Big Prick will transport you to a time of joy and horror—and may even teach you how to surf....

*"Riveting! Godin hits an out-of-the-park home run with his debut novel. I'm eagerly awaiting more from the charismatic Nick Jordan."* - Ashley Farley, USA TODAY Bestselling Author

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