

MICHAEL GODIN



SURGEON . AUTHOR . ENTHUSIAST



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ABOUT MICHAEL



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Dr. Michael Godin is a facial plastic surgeon with a passion for storytelling. While he loves the world of plastic surgery, he also has a creative side that has been developing since he was a child. Putting those two areas together, and knowing what it feels like to be on the other side of the knife and the needle, he writes books that take his readers inside the world of medicine and surgery in a fascinating way.

Godin comes from a family of avid readers and, in a sunny upstairs bedroom of a solidly middle-class home in Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley, his love of literature thrived. He was captivated by the adventures of Dr. Dolittle, Frank Merriwell, The Hardy Boys, and *Lad: A Dog*. He received as a birthday gift *Alfred Hitchcock's Spellbinders in Suspense*, and he loved it, reading the short scary stories over and over. Roald Dahl's *Man from the South* was one of them, and through it he learned the power of a story to haunt its reader. Then he read Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, which became his favorite book. A lifelong love of reading had been established.

What Godin didn't know at the time was how much learning to write persuasively would help him in his medical career. He has written over 20 scientific articles and a bestselling surgical textbook. While he always found time to write, Godin's ultimate goal was to create works of fiction. He survived surgical training during the 1980's at the beginning of the HIV pandemic, which is when his current novel, *The Big Prick*, is set. He learned to operate and surf, continued to write, and took good care of his patients. The year's experiences culminated in his creation and release of *Surgery Survival Guide: A Manual for Interns and Precocious Medical Students*, which sold at medical bookstores throughout the US and Canada. He now practices facial plastic surgery in Richmond, Virginia, and Southern California.

Michael Godin is also the author of *Fighting Gravity*, a soon-to-be-released romantic comedy set in the world of plastic surgery. He enjoys living on both coasts with his wonderful wife, adult sons, and two dogs. One is very good, the other not so much, but he loves her anyway.

Godin hopes that his books will bring joy, laughter and enlightenment to his readers and he looks forward to continuing to combine the worlds of medicine and literature in future novels.

WHY INTERVIEW MICHAEL?

Doctor Michael Godin is an inspiring speaker, author, surgeon and enthusiast. He has spoken at over 100 medical conferences all over the world. His topics are with rich content, and he speaks with energy and enthusiasm to empower and encourage any audience.

SUGGESTED INTERVIEW DISCUSSION TOPICS

- The Power of Medical Fiction to Heal, Entertain, and Empower Us All.
- From Surgical Textbooks to Novels: A journey through writing with Dr. Michael Godin.
- Bridging the Gap Between Science and Fiction: Exploring the creative side of being a facial plastic surgeon with Dr. Michael Godin.
- Surviving and Thriving in the Medical Field: Dr. Michael Godin shares his experience as a surgeon during the peak of the HIV pandemic.

SUGGESTED INTERVIEW DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- As a plastic surgeon who knows what it feels like to be on the other side of the knife or needle, you decided to start writing medical fiction. When and why did you start writing?
- Can you talk about the leap from writing medical articles and textbooks to becoming a fiction author?
- As an avid reader and writer from a very young age, how much impact did reading widely and writing persuasively have on your medical career?
- Is Medical Fiction the only genre you currently write in? Will this change for you in the future?
- Your upcoming/most recent book release *The Big Prick* is a medical novel that shows the reader how doctors survived surgical training during the 1980's at the beginning of the HIV pandemic. This was the time you did your own training and you've described it as terrifying. How much of your own life experiences are in this book?

- Would you say that the main character Nick Jordan's experiences were typical of those endured by surgical interns of the 80s? Was the focus on trying to survive and find the emotional strength to heal patients in the face of overwhelming odds?
- Bridging the gap between science and fiction is something you do very well as an author. Do you plan on writing more books after *The Big Prick*?
- Besides being a prominent doctor, writer and public speaker, you also surf and play classical guitar. How do you find balance and how much does each of these activities impact your writing?
- Ultimately, why did you take time out of your life to write *The Big Prick* and who did you write it for?
- Where can people learn more about you and your book?

If you are interested in learning more about how Michael would be an ideal fit and inspiration for your audience, please reach out to us today.



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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.

It's June 1986, and Nick Jordan has just graduated medical school in New Orleans and is headed west to sunshine-blessed San Diego to start a one-year surgical internship. Medical science has no answers for the newly discovered Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), which will wreak havoc among his patients. An accidental stick from a knife or a needle could mean infection and an agonizing death for the young doctor.

The specter of this new and incurable disease haunts Nick's internship with fear and uncertainty sooner than he anticipates. The heaviness of this reality is counterbalanced by the excitement, exuberance, and goofiness of Nick's fellow interns - all young adults who have suddenly been given real responsibility and power to effect change in their patient's lives. Working alongside Holly Spencer, a gorgeous colleague who might just be the love of his life, Nick faces his patient's dire circumstances with trepidation and grace.

As he rotates through various hospital services, including his desired head and neck surgery path, Nick encounters the extremes of human behavior and experience. The venture is often surreal - simultaneously bizarre, devastating, and sometimes even funny. Overwhelmed by the rigors of medical training in this stressful and dangerous time, Nick must develop the skills to persevere or quit.

Nick and his fellow interns' empathy, patience, physical endurance, and emerging medical skills are tested beyond reason. Through the crucible of a terrifying new pandemic, they forge friendships that help them find the strength to continue. 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....

WHAT'S BEING SAID

"Riveting. I enjoyed every minute of The Big Prick. I found the behind-the-scenes look into a medical internship fascinating and loved the surfing scenes. 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 fiction author

"With scores of medically themed dramas available, The Big Prick is a standout...some of the patients' stories will always stick with me...beautifully written, Godin has produced an amazing story that should not be ignored; this is an author everyone should look out for. It's a great read and I loved it."

—Trisha Dawn, Readers' Favorite Reviews

"We all know size doesn't matter, but The Big Prick puts the motion in the potion, conjuring up a delightful mix of real-life experiences of medical interns with a sprinkle of romance and adventure. Add it to your reading bucket list today!"

—Joni Davis, author of Feng Shui Love

"The Big Prick is a powerful, in-your-face, medical treatise that will confront you at every turn. Author Michael Godin pulls no punches with his descriptive and colorful writing. Every reader will come away from the experience with a deeper respect and empathy for the people who put their lives on the line during this torrid time. This is a great read and one I can highly recommend."

—Grant Leishman, Readers' Favorite Reviews

"No doubt Godin drew upon his background to pen this novel because the authentic medical details and fine-tuned attention to setting go above and beyond what research and imagination can yield. Tight writing, wry humor, and savvy character development keep the entertaining story moving at a comfortable clip...Godin handles the rollercoaster of Nick Jordan's and his colleagues' internships with resolve but a light touch. Recommended."

—Kate Robinson, US Review of Books

"Michael Godin takes on a brave task indeed by finding humor, pathos, and hope within such a frightful time in recent human history. He triumphs with it in this surprisingly light-hearted and enjoyable read... I recommend The Big Prick to fans of medical dramas and original, thought-provoking writing."

—K.C. Finn, Readers' Favorite Reviews



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