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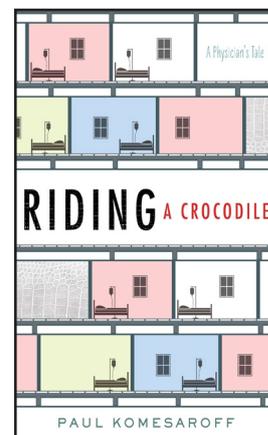
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Riding a Crocodile

A Physician's Tale

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Riding a Crocodile is a chilling detective story that explores issues of life and death with contemporary relevance, and a novel that gives you an insider's account into life in a major teaching hospital.

Abraham Nevski is a dedicated and eccentric professor of medicine at the Royal Prince John Hospital. He prides himself on his diagnostic skills and powers of reasoning.

On returning to work after a break he becomes aware of disturbing changes taking place in the hospital.

A series of suspicious deaths then throws his world into confusion. Nevski's inner turmoil grows and he has to confront the dangers that close in around him.

Described as 'hospital noir', *Riding a Crocodile* is a very readable and deeply thought-provoking novel.

"At once both intimate and political, Riding a Crocodile eloquently explores the complexity of biomedicine and exposes the pathos, humour, suffering, (in)dignity, conflict and love that inscribe illness, aging and death." — Ian Kerridge, Director, Centre for Values, Ethics and Law in Medicine, University of Sydney

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Professor Paul Komesaroff AM is a practising physician and philosopher at Monash University in Melbourne. His work is interdisciplinary: spanning clinical medicine, biomedical research, social research, philosophy and ethical theory, clinical ethics and policy development. Paul's international reputation in health care ethics and his major impact on the field of clinical ethics in Australia recently saw him become a State Finalist for the 2014 Australian of the Year.

Riding a Crocodile is his first novel but he has previously published fourteen books, including *Experiments in Love and Death* (2008 in Australia and 2014 in North America), *Objectivity, Science and Society* (2009), *Troubled Bodies* (ed., 1995), and *Pathways to Reconciliation* (ed. with Philipa Rothfield and Cleo Fleming, 2008).

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