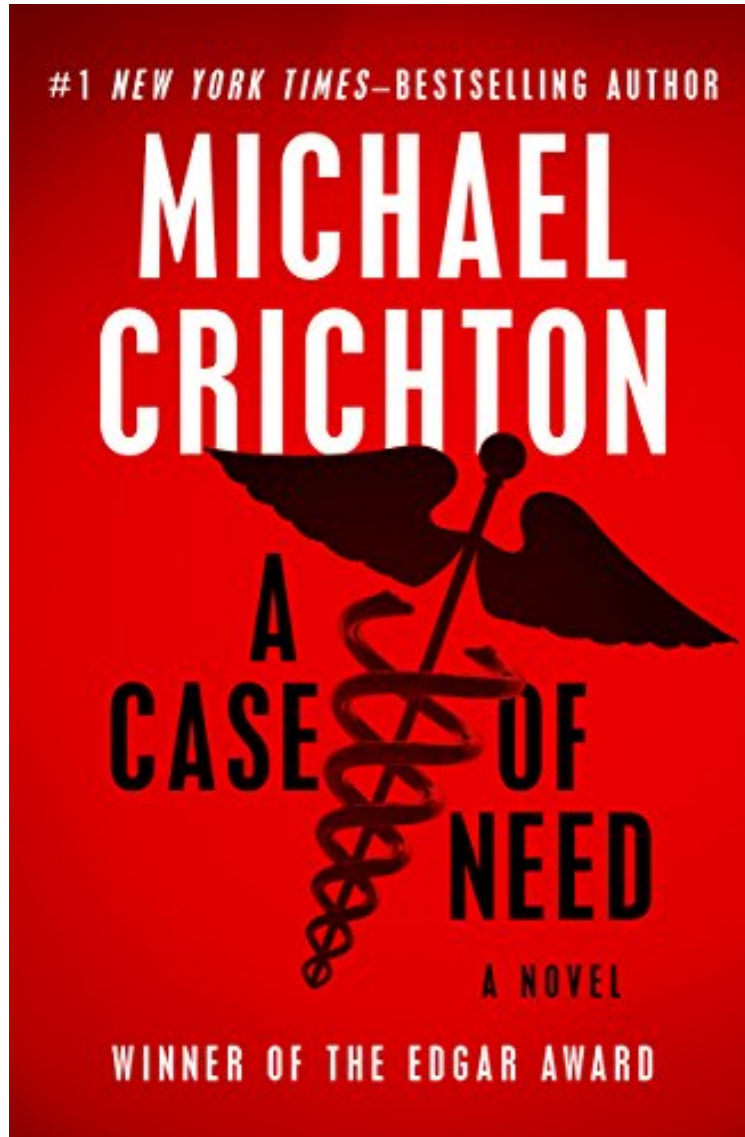


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Von Michael Crichton : A Case of Need: A Novel (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Case of Need: A Novel (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen7 von 7 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A rightful Edgar Award winner!Von Siddharth B.Sci-fi wizard Michael Crichton wrote this novel when he was still in medical school. In fact, he wrote many such novels under pseudonyms to pay his way through college. Then, this book won an Edgar Award, and everything changed!'A Case Of Need' is a medical thriller along with a murder mystery

thrown in. The story revolves around Dr. John Berry who works in a Boston Hospital. His best friend Dr. Arthur Lee is arrested and charged with murder caused by an abortion gone wrong. The deceased is the daughter of Dr. J. D. Randall, one of the most prominent doctors in town. Was it deliberate murder? Was it accidental malpractice? The police are under a lot of pressure, and finally slap charges on Dr. Lee. John Berry is convinced that Lee is innocent. He sets out on his own investigation into the matter. It's a fast-paced mystery with the hero uncovering shocking secrets about the girl's life. Of course, it isn't as good as other mystery writers. After all, this was Crichton's first attempt at such a topic, and hardcore mystery fans may not find it much exciting. But the fact that Crichton is a doctor himself, makes up for this. The book has quite a few medical details about surgical procedures and the functioning of hospitals and also a lot of arguments on medical ethics. Quite reminiscent of Robin Cook's medical thrillers but with a very different writing style, the story moves quickly, and seems to have lots of unexpected twists. All in all, it's a superb novel, combining elements of mystery and authentic medical detail making it one of the best books of its kind. Any fan of Crichton should not miss this book. Originally written under the pseudonym of Jeffery Hudson, this one's a rightful Edgar Award winner. Michael Crichton deserves all the praise he gets. Don't miss this one!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Another pearl from the master Von Anakina Crichton manages to amaze me, always. Whether it's one of his last books (also posthumous) or one of those written decades ago, his writing and the way he deals with the themes of his novels are always damn topical. Although his way of creating a novel is always to find a topic that is at the centre of the work, and then build a story around it, his ability to address different topics but always in a very thorough way is something unique I have never found in any other author so far. But let's speak about this novel, *A Case of Need*, written by Crichton during the Easter holidays (he says it in the introduction) when he was still a medical student, published under a pseudonym and became a bestseller to the surprise of the author himself. The novel itself is very technical and the fact that Crichton at the time was studying medicine is obvious. Its being so technical, for me, is a great value. Despite being written forty-seven years ago (!) and many things have changed in the field of medicine, it is still very topical and provides an opportunity for an out of the line reflection on a controversial topic such as abortion. The story is about a doctor who was arrested because they thought that a woman had died because of an abortion performed by the former, when this practice was still illegal in most of the United States. The main character is a friend of the arrested doctor who struggles to uncover the truth. We follow him in his investigations and soon, although the structure of the thriller is elaborate and well-built, we eventually get passionate to the medical and moral implications, which are then examined in the accurate notes reported in the appendix. One thing I appreciate about Crichton is his ability to ask the questions without imposing his point of view to the reader (as opposed to what happens with many other authors that address ethical issues). He exposes the facts, the various points of view and possible developments, and let you to reason on them and form your own opinion on the subject, without influencing you. All of his books are food for thought and enrich your mind, as well as entertain you. I conclude by saying that I was particularly amazed when I noticed in various sites that this novel has a quite low review rating, just because readers complain that the medical argument is a bit bulky. Such a thing is at least bizarre. Sure, I understand that it isn't easy for those without a biomedical education to follow all the details of the plot, but then it is a medical thriller. What do they expect?

Rita Carla Francesca Monticelli, author of *Red Desert - Point of No Return* 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Crichton's first novel. Von R. D. Allison (dallison@biochem.med.ufl.edu) This book won the 1968 Edgar Award for best mystery novel of the year. An obstetrician has been accused of performing an illegal abortion in Boston in the late 1960's. A pathologist discovers that the girl, who died in the emergency room of a hospital, wasn't even pregnant. He sets out to clear his friend of the charges. Although some of the discussions on abortion may seem dated, this is still a good mystery. Michael Crichton originally published this book under the pseudonym Jeffrey Hudson. Some earlier reviewers have suggested that he did this because of the controversy generated by the topic of abortion. While this undoubtedly was a factor, we also have to recall that this was his first book and Crichton was a medical student in Massachusetts at the time he wrote much of this book. I'm not sure if his faculty would have been too keen on having a student devote a significant fraction of his time to writing a novel instead of to his studies, had they known. But, I may be wrong. Some other reviewers gave it a low rating because it contained too much jargon. Of course, that is a trademark of this category of books; however, I seem to miss the jargon in this novel. Perhaps I missed it but "*A Case of Need*" seems to be the least technical of Crichton's books.

Kurzbeschreibung The death of a doctor's daughter may be malpractice or murder in this novel by a #1 New York Times bestselling author: I loved it (Stephen King). In the tightly knit world of Boston medicine, the Randall family reigns supreme. When heart surgeon J. D. Randall's teenage daughter dies during a botched abortion, the medical community threatens to explode. Was it malpractice? A violation of the Hippocratic Oath? Or was Karen Randall murdered in cold blood? The natural suspect is Arthur Lee, a brilliant surgeon and known abortionist, who has been carrying out the illegal procedure with the help of pathologist John Berry. After Karen dies, Lee is thrown in jail on a

murder charge, and only Berry can prove his friend wasn't the one who wielded the scalpel. Behind this gruesome death, Berry will uncover a secret that would shock even the most hardened pathologist. An Edgar Award-winning novel by the author of such blockbusters as *The Andromeda Strain* and *Jurassic Park* and creator of the long-running NBC drama *ER*, *Case of Need* is a superb medical-thriller mystery (*Los Angeles Times*). This ebook features an illustrated biography of Michael Crichton including rare images from the author's estate.