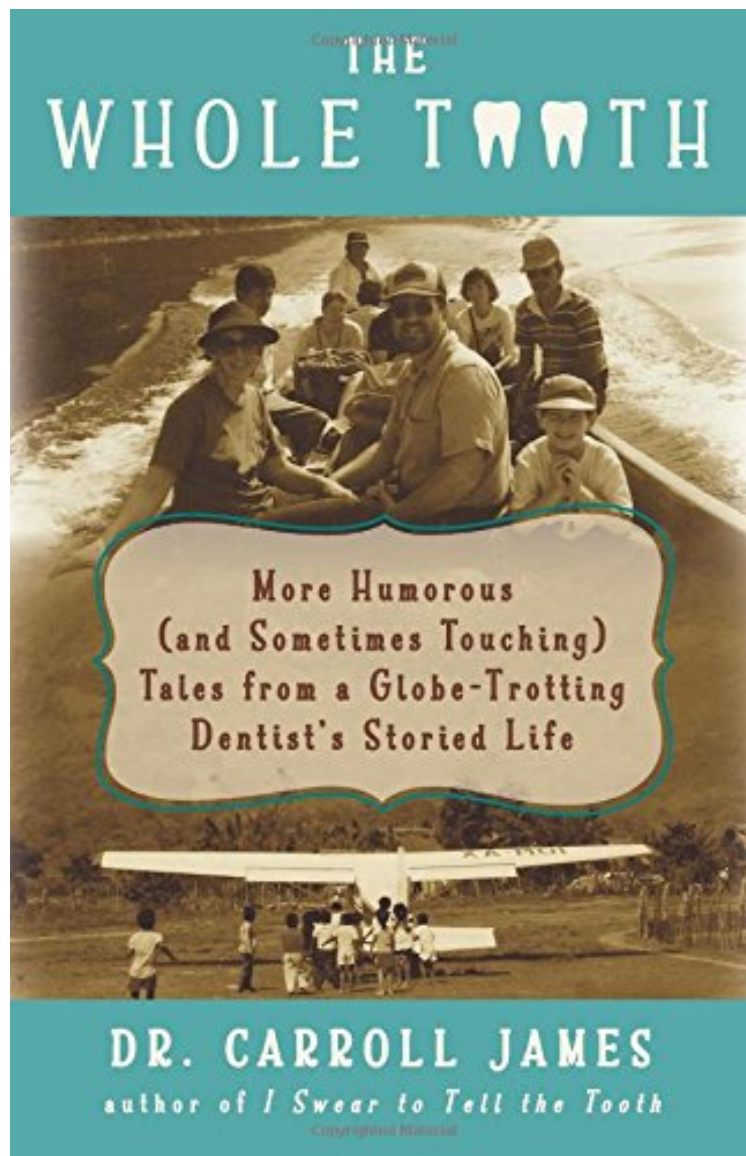


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An enjoyable book full of anecdotes from a dentist
By Serafina Mezzanotte
This is the second book of three written by now-retired dentist Dr Carroll James. The play on words in the titles ("I Swear to Tell the Tooth" followed by this one, "The Whole Tooth" and the third one, "And Nothing But the Tooth") are just the tip of the iceberg of the humor Dr James brings to his subject. The first book is more about his childhood, his motivation to practice dentistry and his establishing his practice in the Washington DC area. This one follows him on trips around the world to practice dentistry such as to Guatemala (which was quite an adventure). Hiring good help is always a problem for a dentist and Dr James minces no words in telling us about some of the horror stories such as with Natalia, who was attractive and learned quickly but who had terrible customer service manners. In this book Dr James serves people in need in remote areas of South America (where he was genuinely worried for his safety at times) as well as overseas. The folks he encounters in these remote areas remind him of the people he knew growing up with his grandparents in the Appalachian mountains. This gives him plenty of fodder to revert back to childhood memories along with the present-day experiences he's telling us about. Overall, an enjoyable book and if you liked the first one or you have a dentist friend, you and they are sure to like this book too!
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Touching and hilarious!
By Stacey E. Vance
I read these books out of order, starting with the 3rd book and moving on to this edition. While I really enjoy hearing about the author's hilarious encounters with people of the world, this book detailed some very touching and heartwarming stories of his trips to serve those in need. It was clear that Dr. Carroll James provided a great service to the patients he treated, but he did so with a servant's heart. He was truly called to this line of work, to give back to people! I really enjoy the way in which the author paints such a wonderful picture of the characters in his stories! It made me feel as if I was right there with him, observing everything first-hand. I really enjoyed this book, and never would have thought that such stories would come from a dentist!
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Another Great Set of Stories by Dr. Carroll
By Caitlyn Marsolek
If you loved the first book and haven't gotten a hold of the second one then you absolutely must drop everything right now and get it! Another great set of stories from Dr. Carroll, though I do have one thing I noticed happening a bit more that I wanted to address. Once again, great people that he works with makes for interesting characters. And yes, he still writes in this captivating way that draws you in and keeps you there even if you're like me and are terrified of going to the dentist. Dr. Carroll has so many unique and amazing stories that I'm surprised yet overjoyed he was able to fill three books with them. But here's the thing I noticed. In the middle of a story Dr. Carroll will interrupt to flash back to another story and then tell that whole bit before hopping back into the first story. I found it's a style I love and hate at the same time; while I don't appreciate the derailing I realise this is something we often do in speech in order to establish context. Even I'm guilty of it. Overall I think it makes the book unique and more akin to how we actually tell stories, which adds to the overall charm despite being just a bit annoying.

"Don't take it personally, but I hate the dentist." Dr. Carroll James has heard this uncomplimentary comment all too often, and while not taking it personally, he does note the unique and often quirky personalities of the patients he treats. *The Whole Tooth*, the second book in the series, continues relating some of the more bizarre episodes during Dr. James's thirty years of practice—including a lovable yet scatterbrained employee who can't master the phone's hold button, a house call to treat a bed-ridden patient that proves comical in the most inappropriate sense, and even a campout with Boy Scouts that harkens thoughts of effective dental remedies for the most unlikely three a.m. wake-up call. Meanwhile, back at the office, farm animals and their antics add to the modern yet rurally located practice. Throughout it all, Carroll maintains his professional decorum—most of the time. Interwoven in his humorous office stories is a laugh-out-loud family RV trip, volunteer work in remote regions of Mexico, and amusing and touching flashbacks to his childhood, illuminating his heart for treating the indigent, here and abroad.

About the Author
Dr. Carroll James is the author of *I Swear to Tell the Tooth* and a graduate of Gettysburg College, receiving his doctorate from the Farleigh-Dickenson University College of Dentistry in 1975. For two years, he practiced as an Associate in Rockville, MD, before establishing a private practice near Bethesda. After fifteen years in private practice, he began a satellite practice in Pyleton, MD (a fictional town). When that venture was unexpectedly interrupted, he purchased a home in the nearby rural town of Gloyd (also fictional) in which he established another satellite practice. That office grew exponentially and after another ten years, he moved from Rockville altogether and now enjoys treating patients in Gloyd. Over the course of his career he has contributed articles to health columns, been published in the *CMDS Journal*, edited a monthly newsletter, lectured to medical students, written a blog, and contributed to the *Academy of General Dentistry* journal *Impact*. In addition, he and his family were featured in a human interest TV documentary about an almost-fatal adventure in the jungles of southern Mexico. As a child, Dr. James spent summers at his maternal grandparent's primitive home in the rugged Appalachian heartland of southwest Virginia. This experience forged his passion for serving impoverished peoples throughout the far reaches of the world.

Blessed with three children and four live-wire grandchildren, Carroll and his wife, Kate, continue to maintain their valued practice in their rural home.