

DR. RICHARD DEMING

Dr. Richard Deming is medical director of MercyOne Cancer Center in Des Moines, Iowa. He received a bachelor's degree from South Dakota State University and his medical degree from Creighton University. Known in the community for the compassionate care he provides cancer patients and their families, Dr. Deming was awarded the Lane Adams Award by the American Cancer Society for excellence and compassion in patient care. He is involved in many national, state, and community organizations and is the recipient of numerous awards including "the one hundred" Award by Massachusetts General Hospital for his work with cancer survivors; the Iowa Cancer Champion Award for his tireless efforts in the field of advocacy; the Iowa Star Award from the Des Moines Register for making a measurable difference within the community and improving the quality of life for Iowans everywhere; and the St. George National Medal by the American Cancer Society for leadership in reducing the burden of cancer.

Dr. Deming's greatest ambition is to encourage others to pursue lives of meaning, purpose, passion, and compassion. In 2012, he founded Above + Beyond Cancer, a non-profit organization dedicated to elevating the lives of those touched by cancer. He has led cancer survivors on medical missions and inspirational mind-body-spirit pilgrimages to Mount Everest, Mount Kilimanjaro, Mount Kailash and Machu Picchu. The courage and compassion of his patients and their families is the source of his greatest inspiration.

DYLAN HUEY

For a long time, I have found joy in telling stories through photography. As a child, I saved for a long time to buy my own SLR camera, which I used to document family life and create scenes with action figures all while learning about the basics of light. Over the years, I have learned so much about the world and myself through my work with clients, especially Above & Beyond Cancer. The chance to see the world through the lens of cancer patients and their caregivers has been a gift. It has pushed me out of my comfort zone at times, but it has always shown me what I am capable of. I hope these photographs and stories allow you to see the world through the eyes of ABC, a world of hope and compassion.

Through moving quotations from cancer survivors, beautiful photographs, and insightful commentary by Dr. Richard Deming, *Above and Beyond Cancer* brilliantly illustrates the concept of post-traumatic growth. It takes us to lands as far away as Peru, Tanzania and Tibet, but its most powerful journey is into the hearts of those who so generously and honestly share their stories with us. This is a book not just for people facing medical challenges, but for anyone who needs inspiration in difficult times.

-Lori Erickson, author of *Near the Exit: Travels with the Not-So-Grim Reaper and Holy-Rover: Journeys in Search of Mystery, Miracles and God*

With a brain for hard science and a heart for the humanities and arts, Dr. Richard Deming skillfully combines themes of grief, survival, reconciliation and love in this simply extraordinary new collection.... Framing each chapter with a personal story, readers see the doctor become the patient, the teacher become the student, and the expert admit that there are things in this universe that are simply unknowable. The breath-taking photos feed the eyes from page to page while the brief writings from cancer survivors and their families pull you into their stories, offering unexpected musings on life, death and everything in between

-.Courtney Crowder, Des Moines Register

It isn't often you feel uplifted by a book about people facing death.... Instead of the old war metaphors about "fighting" an illness, Deming prefers a mountain-climbing analogy. He calls on us to push past the physical and mental limitations, one step at a time.... This book shows the power of courage and community, resilience and love in the face of our mortality. In Deming's words, "We should all choose to live like we were dying."

-Rekha Basu, Des Moines Register columnist, author of *Finding Her Voice* (2012)

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