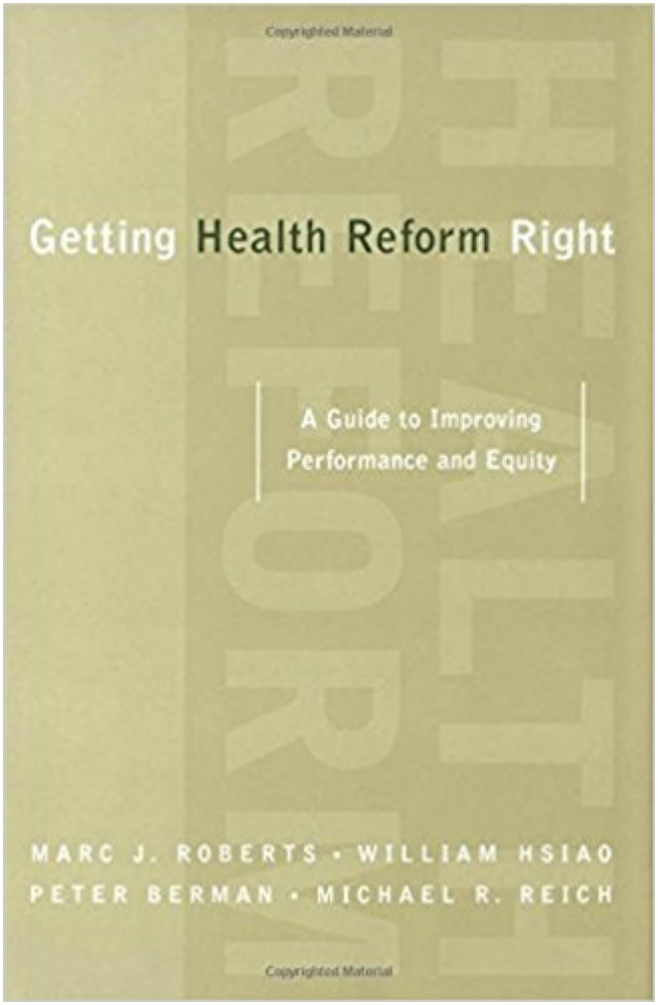
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This is one book I feel has lasting value, compared to many other references on health policy and reform that quickly seem dated. The authors have a deep grasp of the subject matter, all having been involved in not just research, but in working on various health reform projects in low and middle-income countries. The lessons drawn, however, are applicable to developed countries as well. Particularly good is the treatment of the issue of `equity’, explaining what it means as a goal of public policy, and giving clear examples of policy implications. The book does not spend much time

on social determinants of health outside of financial barriers to accessing health services faced by various marginalized groups. For instance, it does not discuss in depth how a lack of birth registration, or not having an equivalent proof of citizenship, can exclude persons from accessing health services. Yet, this book covers very well the main issues, and certainly would provide anyone working on health reform, in any country, a solid foundation of knowledge.Highly recommended.

DENSE. Lots of terminology, very very dense read. I would not recommend this unless you were a PhD student, or maybe in a Master's program.

I like everything about the book, from the neatness, time of delivery and the cost. I've already recommended it to all my classmates, including those that are not offering Global Health Sector Reform as a course.

Necessary reading for anyone who wishes an in depth examination of healthcare reform. The authors have done a thorough job detailing the issues and context of reform options and goals.

Essential for anyone who wants to think clearly about health reform in low and middle income countries

This book was an excellent read, but I was rather disappointed in the way it was written. It reads very much like a textbook, so the flow isn't there as much. However, it is packed full of useful ideas and information. I am not disappointed that I purchased this book.

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