

# Doctor knows best in 'House Call'

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If it's true that authors should write about what they know best, Dr. Darden North of Jackson has heeded the advice.

North, a prominent area obstetrician-gynecologist, has penned his first novel, *House Call*. He will be on hand at Mistletoe Marketplace each day to sign copies of the recently released publication.

In *House Calls*, North has built a story around a nurse, a couple of OB/GYNs, several deaths and a whole lot of mysterious circumstances.

When nurse Taylor Richards is found dead in her bathtub, it's a loss for the hospital staff, but no one seems worried.

When a favorite doc, Cullen Quinn, dies in a hunting accident,

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it's a shame, but life goes on.

Or so folks think. They soon find there's more to Grace Community Hospital than meets the eye.

Doctors try to outdo each other, while hospital administrators grab for the last dollar. Nurses struggle to do their best amid cutbacks and cutthroats.

Caught in the middle is Dr. Knox Chamblee, a new member of a prestigious medical clinic. The only problem is that he wants to help people, while everyone around him wants dollars, not health.

In a business driven more and

more by how much you bring to the practice, Chamblee finds himself an oddity. It seems female patients prefer female OB/GYNs, leaving him on the short end of the patient load.

The only one who seems to believe in him is Dr. Quinn, who started the clinic. Unfortunately, he's too busy keeping his wife in fat-reducing drugs and being courted by corporate hotshots to stop the anti-Chamblee campaign.

Throw in an overachieving doctor and a greedy company, along with misplaced anger and paranoia, and you can see how practicing medicine can be unhealthy, even down right deadly.

It's a hectic, stress-filled environment driven by drama. And with his expertise and first-hand knowledge, North is able to capture it all.