## [PDF] Life In The Balance: A Physician's Memoir Of Life, Love, And Loss With Parkinson's Disease And Dementia

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## **Description:**

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**From** At the top of his professional game at Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital and on the Harvard Medical School faculty but at a personal nadir after the death of his wife, cardiologist Graboys began presenting physical and mental signs he at first wrote off as after-effects of prolonged stress and exhaustion. Despite his best efforts to control the situation, first through

denial, then by reducing his private-practice patient load, the symptoms doggedly progressed. In the meantime, he remarried. But when he passed out on the wedding day, he knew his problems were more serious than he wanted to admit. Before long, he was diagnosed with the double whammy of Parkinson's disease and Lewy body dementia, an associated degenerative disease. In this stirring and chilling memoir, he takes an unblinking look at himself as his mind and body suffer unrelenting hits from those progressive illnesses. An unforgettable doctor-as-patient account, including reflections by Graboys' daughters, sons-in-law, and members of the families blended by his marriage. --Donna Chavez

## Review

Praise for the Life in the Balance

[[A] small wonder. Unsentimental and unpretentious, it manages to hit all its marks effortlessly. [[Graboys] does one of the best jobs on record of doggedly unpeeling the onion-skin layers of alternating ego and vulnerability that encase the doctor turned patient"[]*The New York Times* 

"A powerful and poignant portrayal of a physician who refuses to have illness rob him of his dignity and joy. A unique and inspiring memoir that captures the resiliency of the human spirit." Dr. Jerome Groopman, *Professor, Harvard Medical School, and author of How Doctors Think* 

[Beautifully written, searingly honest, this book lets us see the impact of serious illness on a man who is both a doctor and a patient."[Rabbi Harold Kushner, author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* 

 $\Box I$  was blown away. ... An eye-opening read. ... A remarkable book."  $\Box Dr.$  Timothy Johnson, ABC News Medical Correspondent

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