

To Feel Stuff

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This interestingly narrated novel is narrated by Elodie Harrington, Chess Hunter, and Professor Mark Kirschling M.D. Elodie, referred to as "El" or "E" is a student at Brown University. For some strange reason, she always catches major illnesses without any permanent damage. Since she gets sick so often, she lives in the infirmary in the university, and she is about to be kicked out of university because her illnesses do not allow her to attend classes. Here, Professor Mark Kirschling M.D. decides to take the job of finding out what is wrong with her, in order to gain a positive reputation in the medical community. Chess or "C" is a singer in the university who had to go to the infirmary because his legs were broken by a stranger at one of his performances.

When Chess and Elodie meet in the infirmary, they fall in love and have an affair. While this is going on, Elodie is having regular appointments with Professor Mark Kirschling M.D. to attempt to diagnose her. At first, she is impersonal and cold and does not tell him anything. Eventually, she opens up to him and tells him about her paranormal experiences. She sees an "apparition", or a ghost. He decides to believe her to gain her confidence, and recommends to her to get physical evidence of the "apparition". In the end, the identity of the "apparition" is revealed and the relationship between Elodie and Chess changes.

This book is recommended for older readers interested in medicine. I would recommend it as a book to be borrowed from the library because some people may consider it to be controversial because it deals with both medicine and the supernatural.