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### **About the Author**

Dr Sayed Mahmoody was an aristocratic Iranian by birth, and was raised by his sister after being orphaned when he was eight years old. After qualifying as a doctor, he worked in America for more than twenty years (1961-1984) and established a successful practice. He never remarried after Betty left him, and worked full-time as an anaesthetist and university lecturer in Tehran. Dr Mahmoody passed away unexpectedly in August 2010.

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