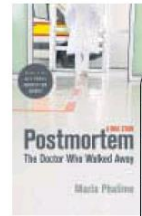


Postmortem: The Doctor Who Walked Away ★★★★★

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Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi would do well to read this revealing memoir. He would learn much about what is wrong with our health system and, more importantly, what steps can be taken to improve it. Maria Phalime was the pride of her Soweto community, an industrious girl who rose above her straitened background. After nine years of study and four years practising in the horrific trenches of public hospitals, she walked away. Her thoughtful notes on why she turned her back on the system make for a valuable, insightful book.

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