

If you thought med school was tough, wait until you survive basic training.

A proud Soviet surgeon arrives in Israel with a diploma and a dream, only to be handed a rifle and sent to the front lines of medicine.

# ABOUT THE BOOK

Dr. Yakov Katz believed that saving lives would be his only battlefield. He was wrong. *Military Operation* is a raw, cinematic memoir that follows a young immigrant doctor from the hospitals of the Soviet Union to the combat zones of Lebanon and the West Bank. Drafted into the IDF soon after his arrival, Katz becomes both healer and warrior—treating wounded soldiers under fire while fighting his own war for dignity, identity, and a place to call home. Between night shifts in overcrowded ERs, clandestine missions, and the collapse of his family life, Katz chronicles the price of the immigrant dream: humiliation in a new language, loyalty forged in blood, and the fragile line between saving a heart and losing one's own.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

- Authentic writing of a real IDF medical officer
- Blends war memoir, medical drama, and immigrant narrative
- Vivid frontline scenes written with surgical precision
- Powerful emotional arc of honor, betrayal, and resilience
- Appeals to fans of Adam Kay and military non-fiction
- Universal themes of identity and reinvention

## MARKET POTENTIAL

- Readers of medical and military memoirs
- Audiences interested in immigrant journeys
- Fans of *This Is Going to Hurt* and *When Breath Becomes Air*
- Diaspora and veteran communities
- Academic programs in medicine, ethics, and trauma studies



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Ernest Katz, MD** was born in the former Soviet Union and immigrated to Israel in 1975. A graduate of Lviv Medical University, he rebuilt his career from scratch—navigating language barriers, cultural shock, and military service to become a respected surgeon in Israeli hospitals.



During his years in the IDF, Katz served as a medical officer in mobile infantry brigades, treating casualties under fire and witnessing the human face of conflict. Alongside his medical career, he continued to write, publishing two earlier books in Russian: *Strangers in the Homeland* (1981) and *The Return Home* (1985).

Today Dr. Katz practices plastic and reconstructive surgery while dedicating his literary work to questions of identity, resilience, and the moral cost of war.



# CRITICAL ACCLAIM

“Full of grit, heart, and history.” -

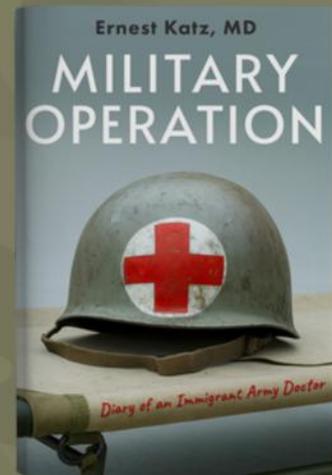


“A candid and engaging diary of an immigrant army doctor, honest, human, and compelling.” - ★★★★★

“Could literally feel what he felt. Courageous and superbly written.” -



“A fascinating blend of medicine, war, and the struggle to belong.” - ★★★★★



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