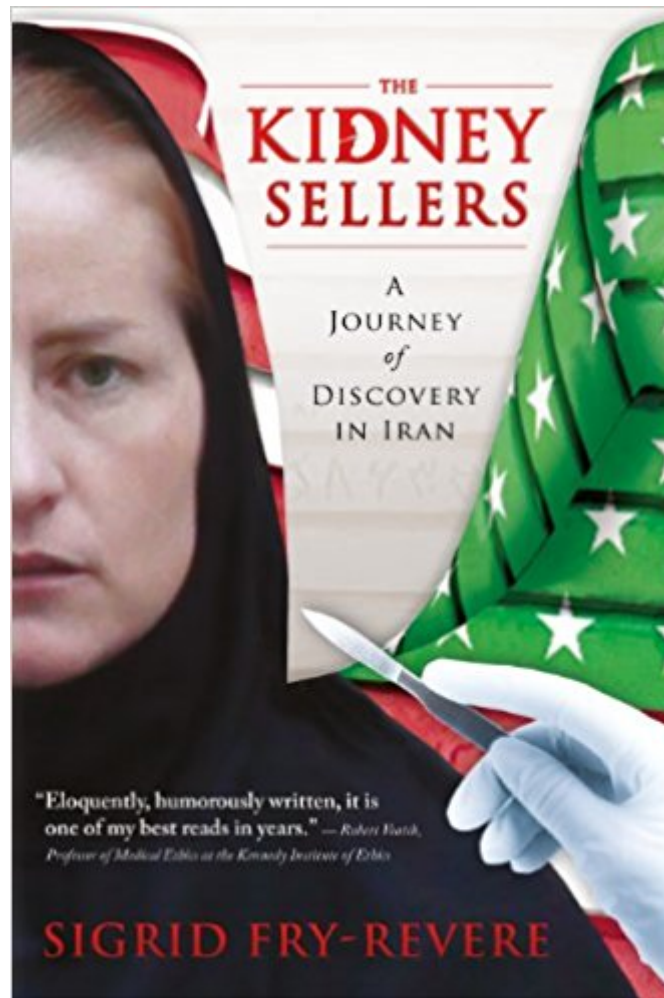




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# The Kidney Sellers: A Journey Of Discovery In Iran



## Synopsis

Rarely does an adventure story carry such social significance as in this groundbreaking ethnographic research book. Dr. Fry-Revere's exploration of the medical ethics of compensating organ donors takes us deep inside Iranian culture to provide insight and understanding into how Iran has solved its kidney shortage. *The Kidney Sellers: A Journey of Discovery in Iran* addresses the question: How is it possible that in Iran there is a waiting list to be a donor, while in the United States hundreds of thousands of people have died for lack of a kidney? Dr. Fry-Revere is the first Westerner ever to witness firsthand Iran's organ procurement system. She shares what she discovered in this fascinating book: part diary of living in a dangerous country, part ethnographic essay, and part tale of people working together to overcome death and financial ruin. *The Kidney Sellers* is a shocking, thought-provoking true story. To view the promotional trailer for this book, please visit the author's web page by clicking her name above.

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"Sigrid Fry-Revere has given us an amazing, courageous, provocative, even dangerous look at the complex and generally successful system of selling/donation that has solved the kidney supply problem in Iran. Eloquent, humorously written, it is one of my best reads in years. The book will be fascinating to anyone who loves a good travel adventure story, but essential for anyone interested in overcoming the organ transplant problem that costs thousands of lives each year." --Robert Veatch, Ph.D., Professor of Medical Ethics at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics and Fellow of the Hastings Center (In 1983 Dr. Veatch testified before Congress in favor of outlawing kidney

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The Kidney Sellers has helped launch the living organ donors rights movement in the United States.Â Please see Stop Organ Trafficking Now! at [StopOTN.org](http://StopOTN.org) and the American Living Organ Donor Fund HelpLivingOrganDonorsSaveLives.org for more information. Also see my TEDMED talk atÂ [youtube.com/watch?v=VS9wkGjEdhQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VS9wkGjEdhQ)

Very informative and well written

Good information.

The Iranian experience presented in this book offers a potential solution for America’s growing dilemma where over 19,000 people die each year while on the organ transplant waiting list. Our current law which dates back 30 years now prohibits any meaningful form of compensation for live organ donors. In our society today, it is impractical to expect a sufficient number of donors to come forward out of pure humanitarian instincts and less than 1% of those who die each year end up being deceased transplant donors. This book paints a vivid picture of the dilemma we face in America if we do not change our current practices and laws. We can look forward to more deaths, continued poor quality of life for kidney diseased victims and much higher health costs. The most successful and cost effective solution is a live organ transplant!

This book is an interesting and informative look at how Iran and the USA have grappled with an important medical issue--organ donations. But what I found to most enjoyable was the recount of

what life is like in Iran, a perspective that we don't get in the mainstream media. Dr. Fry-Revere has a keen eye for the details of everyday life in Iran about which she writes fluidly and easily.

This book accurately describes the life a patient has on dialysis. The USA medical community should relook at the living donor kidney current laws and reconsider how donors could be compensated for donating a kidney or liver.

An important work that will hopefully awaken the logic of organ selling and end the shortage, A well written and a mind-provoking read. Well done

Very up-to-date information on the issues surrounding the Organ market in Iran. I like the book not so much for the opinions of the author but for the first hand information i derive from the book.

As an altruistic (non-related) kidney donor I just assumed if enough people had the information about the tragic shortage of organs and the resulting suffering, we could solve the problem. Unfortunately, the issue is not a black and white one. After reading Sigrid's thorough examination of the ethical, social and economic aspects of Iran's kidney donor system, I find myself wondering if we might be capable of improving current policy, thereby saving many, many lives. If covering the donor's costs (including travel, time spent for testing, after-care and lost wages) increases organ donation and if every donor is thoroughly vetted to make sure they are healthy and well-informed about the risks, then maybe we could solve the organ shortage. Who are we to let others die because they didn't receive a kidney in time as a result of potential donors inability due to financial hardship? It's a touchy subject and I think we need more data, but this book does an excellent job of highlighting a broken system. In addition to the courageous risks Ms. Fry-Revere took in order to collect interviews from donors, recipients and medical staff, she writes beautifully about the landscape of a country most of us will never see. Thank you Sigrid for bringing much-needed attention to the tragic shortage of organs and offering possible solutions that might give hope to donors and recipients alike.

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