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BOOK REVIEW

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Few paramedics around the world have not heard of Nancy Caroline. Known as the 'Mother of Paramedics', Caroline's contribution to paramedic education, training and professional development is arguably second to none. The work of Dr Caroline and others, such as late Peter Safar, revolutionised EMS in the US and around the world. Dr Caroline's involvement in EMS commenced in Pittsburgh in the early1970's. In 1974, the University of Pittsburgh received a grant from the US Department of Transportation to create a curriculum for emergency medical services. In collaboration with Dr Peter Safar, Dr Caroline authored the 15 module curriculum originally presented in two bound volumes, and later published in 1979 as "Emergency Care in the Streets". Dr Caroline passed away in 2002, but the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons has continued Nancy's legacy with this, the sixth edition of *Nancy Caroline's Emergency Care in the Streets*. It is everything we have come to expect from the late Nancy Caroline, and more.

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- Section 4. Trauma
- Section 5. Medical
- Section 6. Special Considerations
- Section 7. Operations

- Appendices

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- Classic 'Notes from Nancy', with words of wisdom and experience Dr Caroline
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