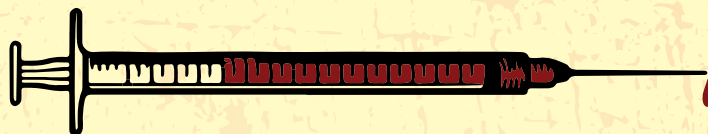




# REUBEN LEDER

## You Might Feel a Little Prick



### SNAPSHOT

Reuben Leder wrote, produced, and directed on the first six seasons of the original **MAGNUM P.I.** for which he received both Emmy and Golden Globe nominations.

Recognized by the voters of the Writers Guild of America for having written one of the '101 Best Written TV Series': **STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION.**

Wrote directed the feature film, **BALTIC STORM**, a fact-based political thriller, exposing the mysterious circumstances of the tragic sinking of the ferry 'Estonia' in the Baltic Sea. The film starred Greta Scacchi and Donald Sutherland.

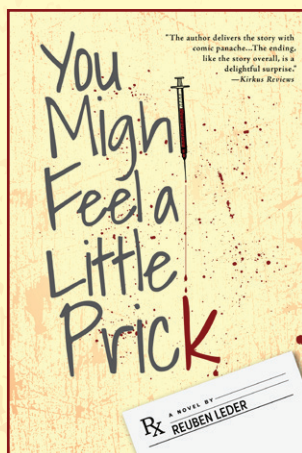
Sold the screenplay **SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY** to DreamWorks SKG, a story based on his parents' experiences in WWII--his mother a survivor of Auschwitz; his father a combat medic in Patton's Army, who liberated the death camp at Buchenwald.

### BIOGRAPHY & MISSION

Reuben Leder grew up in the indie film world, along with his award winning sisters—director Mimi Leder and casting director Geraldine Leder—working on the ultra-low-budget films made by their father Paul Leder. Reuben's movie education included apprenticeships in every department: all the 'below-the-line' crew positions as well as producing, directing, and ultimately, writing. He went on to sell several original screenplays to just about every major studio. This led to writing assignments and production rewrites that took him all around the globe.

Concurrently, Leder began a long career in TV, beginning as a story editor on **THE INCREDIBLE HULK**. He rose through the ranks to become a showrunner on numerous series, as well as a writer/producer of his original TV pilots—one of which was the international hit **BERLIN BREAK**, a twenty-six episode post-Cold War spy thriller shot in Berlin. He's most proud of a **MAGNUM P.I.** script he wrote and directed that received NAACP Image Award nominations for some of the guest actors.

Leder has just completed **YOU MIGHT FEEL A LITTLE PRICK**, a pre-Covid novel that takes a satirical look at the medical and health insurance underworlds. **YMFALP** is now available wherever books are sold.



A screaming snowman plummets from the top floor of Cleveland Mercy Hospital—a decaying relic built before the first pandemic—and disappears into the snow drifts below. By the time his thawed corpse is discovered the following spring, a body count of incompetents, frauds, and crooks who call this chamber of horrors home, has snowballed.

Could these “disappearances” have anything to do with the bogus—and disastrous—spine operation performed on local hero Nick Glass, a former ballplayer? Or the wrongful termination of Nick's fiancé, Dr. Julie Toffoli, an idealistic intern not afraid to speak truth to power? It's up to celebrity Homicide cop, Artemas Sikorski, working his careercapping case, to find out.

Hysterically funny, troubling, and finally moving, **YOU MIGHT FEEL A LITTLE PRICK** answers the question we've all been asked by someone in a white coat: Just what is your level of pain?



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### PAST EVENTS

The Emmy Awards.

The Golden Globe Awards.

Panelist and Speaker, along with the production staff and members of the cast of **MAGNUM P.I.**, at the Paley Media Center (fka the Museum of Television and Radio).

Featured speaker at the Rocky Mountain Writers Guild Convention.

Judge, Panelist, and Member of the Board of Directors of The Central Florida Film Festival 2010-2016.

### REVIEWS

“Leder’s novel is a scathing look at the medical industry...The author delivers the story with comic panache...The pace...is a whirlwind and surprises abound. The ending, like the story, is a delightful surprise.”

—Kirkus Reviews

“You Might Feel a Little Prick is a suspenseful medical thriller that incorporates dark humor into its peek behind the surgery room curtain...Unpredictable twists move the...narrative toward its cohesive conclusion, which leaves ethical questions in its wake.”

—Foreword Clarion Reviews

“Anyone who has ever run afoul of the medical establishment or the bloodsucking insurance industry will savor Reuben Leder’s blistering satire, *You Might Feel a Little Prick*. Screenwriter Leder’s first novel is graced with vivid characters—some endearing, some loathsome—and a diabolically satisfying plot. The book deserves to be compared to Paddy Chayefsky’s Oscar-winning black comedy, *The Hospital*.”

—Stephen Farber, film critic and author of *Hollywood on the Couch and Outrageous Conduct: Art, Ego, and the Twilight Zone Case*

The descriptions, language, and story progression of *You Might Feel a Little Prick* are outstanding... Expect the unexpected...Compellingly original.”

—Midwest Book Review

“Welcome to Cleveland Mercy Hospital, the place where ‘do no harm’ is more of a punchline than an oath. Reuben Leder’s *You Might Feel a Little Prick* straps up into Dr. Toad’s Wild Ride and whiplashes us through a medical system more interested in big money than alleviating pain. Wielding a satirical sword reminiscent of Paddy Chayefsky, Leder makes our worst hospital nightmares come true in this fast-paced, darkly humorous novel. The “little prick” cuts deep and deadly, exposing that most inexcusable of betrayals: the trust a patient place in his physician. Leder has crafted a savage page-turner that will reverberate with us all the next time we walk into a doctor’s office.”

—Carla Malden, novelist, memoirist, screenwriter, and author of *Search Heartache* and *Shine Until Tomorrow*.

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