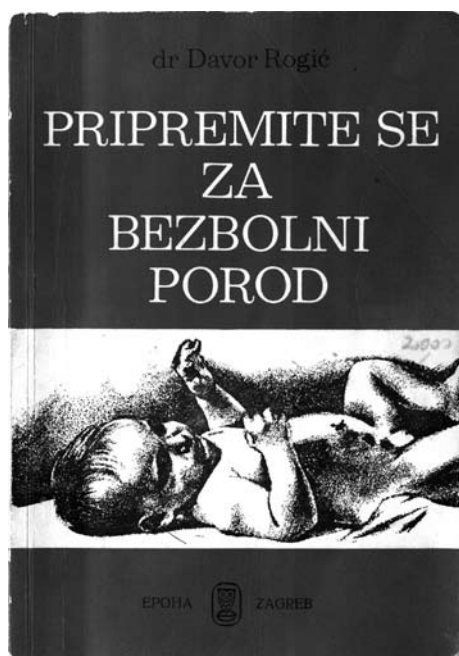


ON NOTABLE BOOK IN OUR HISTORY

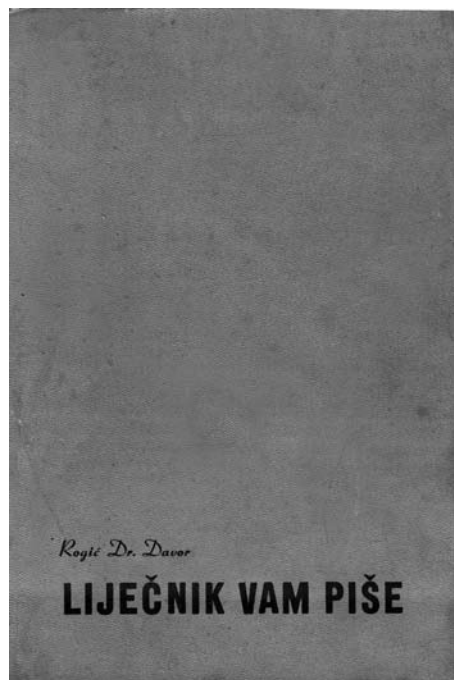


When Davor Rogić, MD, gynecologist at our Hospital, embarked upon writing a book entitled *Liječnik Vam piše* (Your Doctor Writes to You) in 1957¹, he may have well declared it a unique and original work that did not follow the track of rare books on medicine intended for laymen printed by then. Health education of the population at large had always been a popular topic and many physicians tried to bring serious medical contents closer to nonprofessionals, however, only few proved successful. Like his predecessors, Dr Rogić was enthusiastically fighting against ignorance and lack of knowledge about human body and health. Therefore, this book brings practical questions and problems related to health, which should be familiar to every civilized man tending to preserve health. Dr Rogić's style is simple and clear, with a register (as it used to be called then) of important foreign words, terms and names added at the end of the book. The book is illustrated with photos and original drawings.

Twelve years later, Dr Rogić published another book entitled *Pripremite se za bezbolni porod*

(Get Prepared for Painless Delivery). Written in his already known good style, this book contains numerous drawings, even caricatures, simple and funny, which must have had relaxing effects on pregnant women and their husbands, thus facilitating acceptance of some serious issues.

Dr Rogić was obviously gifted with some pedagogical abilities; in the foreword to this book, he addresses his new women readers in particular, explaining them how to read the text and how to learn and acquire new knowledge. At the end, there was a small questionnaire to be filled out by the mothers after delivery, the aim of which was to show the author and other physicians how their educational activities through this book contributed to better and easier course of delivery.



Besides their professional value, nowadays these books also have a historical role not only in the history of medicine and healthcare but also in the history of our society in general; this in particular refers to the section on the woman's position in the society and her role in the family. In the past fifty years, profound changes have occurred in the field of women's liberation.

In his first book, *Liječnik Vam piše*, Dr Davor Rogić explains the role of woman as follows: "Hence, if we want to draw an overall conclusion, we may say that a mature woman is filled with nice dreams of peace, beauty and delight of marital life. Her gaze is directed inside, towards her home and offspring. In this,

her young ideals have come true. In this, she finds – life."³

Whose attitudes have modified, who has gained or lost over the next half a century, we leave to our especially women readers to judge.

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