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The easiest reads are Kidder’s two books; also very readable are Ansell’s vivid picture of challenges over the years in an urban public hospital in the US, and Smillie’s excellent portrait of BRAC’s evolution. Crisp offers a big-picture view of global health, as do the texts by Levine and Skolnik, with the former focusing on public health and the latter covering a wide range of topics in a traditional instructive style. Books on development approaches are lively and include one by MIT’s Bannerjee and Duflo, another by their colleagues Karlan and Appel, and controversial thinkers Cohen and Easterly, among others. The older books, plus such selections as the Farmer reader, offer deeper backgrounds, as indicated below.

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