Book review: â??Maelstrom of abuseâ?? â?? Anthony Fauciâ??s â??On Callâ?? details fight against agents of disinformation

Published in mid-June, [Dr. Anthony Fauci’s memoir â??On Call: A Doctorâ??s Journey in Public Service”] is an indispensable addition to the growing shelf of books by medical and scientific professionals fighting back against the tide of disinformation undermining public health in the U.S.

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Fauciâ??s book stands out because its author has chosen to place the abusive, ignorant treatment he received from disinformation grifters in and outside of government beginning with the Trump years in the context of his long career as a public servant.

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The problem began with Trump, who was courteous with Fauci in private and even seemed to accept his truth-telling about the seriousness of the developing crisis â?? but at public rallies dismissed COVID as a Democratic â??hoax.â??•

Fauci is judicious about many of the administration officials he worked with as a member of Trumpâ??s COVID task force, including Vice President Mike Pence, who Fauci says seemed sincerely to face up to the crisis but was hamstrung by his sedulous fealty to Trump. But heâ??s contemptuous about those who exploited the publicâ??s unfamiliarity with the scientific method to cast doubt on necessary pandemic countermeasures and hype useless nostrums.

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