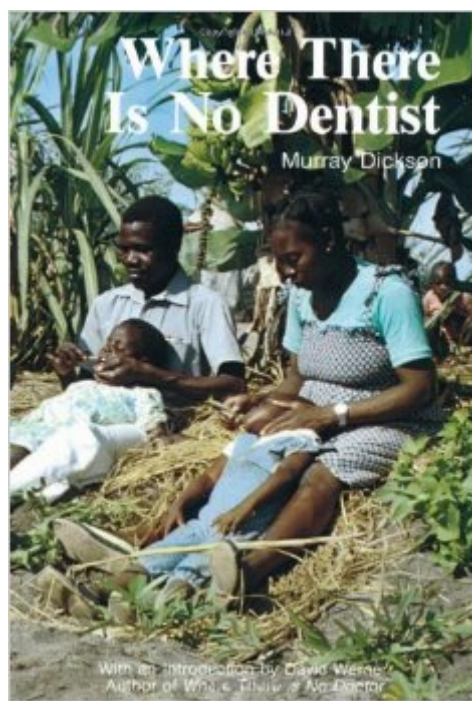


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# Where There Is No Dentist



## Synopsis

This 2012 updated reprint features information on Atraumatic Restorative Treatment (ART), a way to fill cavities without the use of a dental drill, as well as updated information on other training material and resources. This book is an important companion to Hesperian's classic book *Where There Is No Doctor*. All Hesperian books are regularly updated and reprinted to reflect accurate medical information. Community health workers, educators and individuals from around the world use *Where There Is No Dentist* to help people care for their teeth and gums. This book's broad focus makes it an invaluable resource. The author uses straightforward language and careful instructions to explain how to examine patients, diagnose common dental problems, and use dental equipment, use local anesthetics, place fillings, and remove teeth. There is also a special chapter on oral health and HIV/AIDS, which provides the dental worker with a detailed, well-illustrated discussion of the special problems faced by people living with HIV/AIDS, and appropriate treatment.

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The series of books that started with "Where there is no doctor" is wonderful and useful. I imagine the where there is no dentist is no exception. BUT there is a 2009 edition that is much more up to date and has greatly expanded, AND the entire book is available for download FREE on the Hesperian Foundation website (along with FREE downloads of all these other excellent series including *Where there is no doctor*. Many translations into obscure languages are also available) At least go to the Hesperian website before buying this older version. you need to update your list to reflect this latest update. Richard Creagan MD

Where there is no Dentist by Murray Dickson is an excellent book for those traveling in remote areas of the world. Information in the book will allow the non dental care person to give emergency care to those they may come in contact with in third world countries as well as themselves or companions. This book and a small dental kit will get one through the journey and back to civilization with reduced or "cured" pain from the dental demons.

This book is frequently recommended by "Preppers" as a good resource to have in one's library. The day may come when a person just flat does not have the money to pay a dentist or has no access to one. This book gives thorough instruction on the basics of taking care of your teeth and helpful hints on what can be done to treat dental problems. This book was designed originally for use by international health care workers, missionaries, etc. Part One is : Learning and teaching about teeth and gums. Part Two is: Treating Dental Problems. The chapters in this section are: Examination and Diagnosis; Treating some common problems;; Scaling teeth; Injecting inside the mouth; Cement fillings; and Taking out a tooth. The Reference pages include: The Dental Kit (Medicines, Instruments, and Supplies); Records, reports and surveys: Story telling (about dental care for pregnant women); Dental Health Teaching Materials; Vocabulary; and Index. The book is prolifically illustrated in black and white drawings which are very helpful. All in all, I believe it is thorough enough, and explained simply enough for anyone to be able to deal with emergency dental care in a situation where one has no access to a certified dentist, such as when SHTF. I am relieved to have it as a reference book for just such a possible scenario.

The description of this book indicates it is useful when a dentist is not available. It is also recommended by another website that offers information to help prepare for major disasters. None of the information in the book is beyond common sense AND in each instance, the text indicates that one should "see a dentist." If a dentist were available, we wouldn't need a book entitled Where There Is no Dentist! An enormous disappointment!

How to care for dental issues, what really needs dental attention, how to identify tooth decay and potential problems, and so much more! I love this book! The information inside allowed me to catch early problems I otherwise would not have noticed. It allowed me to inform my dentist of potential problems with my teeth and my child's teeth. The end result was early detection and early intervention. I will definitely keep this book within reach!

Too bad there aren't more writers of the same mind, filling in the gap between costly expertise and layman's picture. The book is a well-balanced work between hand-drawn illustrations and simple, succinct text, explaining procedures for teeth cleaning, pulling, simple filling, broken teeth, etc., to the uneducated, 3rd-world village healthcare worker, and describes how to construct the necessary instruments and materials out of what bits can be found at hand, for all the procedures. At one end, we pay for the dentist's scent & muzak, at the other, with this book, they discard the intervening fluff and tripe and get something done themselves. Actually, the book deals with poorer standards than readers anywhere else would like to see addressed.

Just as expected... Ok, 100% disclosure: I am a crazy prepper with a paramedic-level of emergency medical training. I bought this book with an "end-of-the-world what-would/could-I-do" focus. If that is your purpose, or if you are a doctor without a border and plan on tinkering around with teeth in South America, this book is perfect.

Very good depictions and instructions. I just wish it would reference herbal remedies for pain, reduce swelling after procedures, and infection prevention. Definitely a must-have for a survival enthusiast. You never know how important your teeth are till they hurt.

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