

## Official Bio

Michael J. Collins, MD

Mike attended the University of Notre Dame, where he graduated in 3 ½ years. While attending Notre Dame he shoveled furnaces at the South Bend Foundry and was a mediocre-at-best member of the hockey team. After graduation, Mike spent several years working as a construction laborer, truck driver, cab driver and dock worker. His days as a laborer trying to get into medical school are chronicled in *BLUE COLLAR, BLUE SCRUBS* (St. Martin's Press, 2009). He attended the Loyola Stritch School of Medicine, and then spent five years in residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, where he finished as Chief Resident in orthopedic surgery. His years as a resident and inveterate moonlighter in rural emergency rooms are the subject of *HOT LIGHTS, COLD STEEL* (St. Martin's Press, 2005).

His last book, *ALL BLEEDING STOPS* (Friesen Press, 2021), is a novel about a combat surgeon struggling to survive the madness of the Vietnam War.

Mike is a board certified orthopedic surgeon. He and his wife were born, raised, and still live in the Chicago area. Since the publication of *HOT LIGHTS, COLD STEEL*, Mike has lectured extensively on topics relating to medicine and writing. He still plays hockey a couple times a week with his brothers and other old friends who are also in denial about their age.