



Doctor by night, writer by ...

As an emergency room physician, **Jon Cobb** (PIMS, '91) has seen firsthand how much patients have benefited from advances in medical technology. In fact, it often makes him wonder how far those advances will take patient care in the distant future.

What if technology continues to advance at the rate it has for the past 25 years? Will it have a major impact on life expectancy? Those questions stirred Cobb's imagination, and his keyboard, and now he's a published writer because of it.

"The Death of Immortality," his first novel, combines Cobb's medical background with literary interests in science fiction and mystery novels. He explores a future world where technology has made humans nearly immortal.

"I've always had an interest in writing, and I received encouragement from others to try to get published," said Cobb, who has been practicing in Safety Harbor, Florida, for the past 16 years. With two daughters now in college, and in spite of work shifts that often have him up most of the night, Cobb found the time to write and realize his dream of being published.

In Cobb's book, medical advances have essentially made death a thing of the past. Then a trauma victim dies as the result of a terrible car accident, despite the efforts of a brilliant doctor and the technology that has worked so effectively in similar cases.

Curious about this rare death, a detective comes out of retirement and joins the doctor in the search for answers. What they stumble into is a murder mystery in a hospital of the future.

Besides promoting the book, Cobb remains busy caring for patients and is working on his next novel. "The Death of Immortality" is available at amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com.