Did you know:*

- Approximately 80-90 million Americans are considered at risk for developing colorectal cancer
- More than 147,000 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed this year in the US.
- Colorectal cancer is the second leading cancer killer of adults in America, and the 4th most commonly diagnosed cancer
- Although the majority of people diagnosed with colorectal cancer are over 50, it can strike people of any age, any race

Written by one of the founding members of Advocates for Colorectal Education, (ACE), this book contains everything you need to know about this disease. The book is clearly written and focuses on practical considerations for the patient.

Each chapter concludes with a list of patient suggestions and reminders. Chapter 3 has a Q&A section from doctors about every aspect of this disease. The book includes information on:

- Prevention techniques & warning signs
- Screening tests, including the latest information on virtual colonoscopy
- Myths and misinformation
- Finding a good doctor and how to talk with a doctor
- The importance of a positive outlook and positive actions
- Finding support
- Treatment options: surgery, chemotherapy, radiation
- Alternative methods of healing
- Learning to live with an ostomy
- Life after colorectal cancer
- Resources for the colorectal cancer patient

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i was really glad to find this book for my friend with colorectal cancer...i recieved this before she had surgery and it was able to help her through this time...it also prepared her for the things to come...a really big help for her and me

Colorectal cancers develop slowly in the lower portions of the digestive tract. More than 140,000
new cases are diagnosed annual in the United States. Men and Women are equally at risk for the
diseases. Positive Options For Colorectal Cancer: Self-Help And Treatment by colorectal cancer
survivor Carol Ann Larson accessibly and understandably explains just how to cope with the
disease and obtain the best treatments that modern medicine has to offer. Positive Options For
Colorectal Cancer addresses the warning signs of the condition; screening tests (including
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options (including surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation); communicating with doctors and other
medical professionals; prevention techniques and alternative methods of healing; as well as finding
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to the most common questions of colorectal cancer patients. Very strongly recommended for
personal and community library reference collections, Positive Options For Colorectal Cancer
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Carol Larson’s book is an excellent guidebook for a patient facing colorectal cancer. Instead of
feeling helpless and awash in a sea of uncertainty when dealing with colorectal cancer, the book
clearly guides the patient to identify the positive options available. The format of the book is
excellent. Each chapter ends with a summary of the chapter and provides techniques, direction and
information about the topic of the chapter. It is flush with many human interest stories. The many
colorectal patients who contribute to the various chapters in the book provide encouragement with
their advice and reflections while helping the patient to cope. Their personal reflections are
reassuring. The book provides a clear description written with sensitivity to each of the factors of
colorectal cancer: testing options, understanding the diagnosis, considering decisions about medical
treatment, and other challenges. This book is clearly a guidebook for an uncharted journey. Yet, it is
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