

# Michael Weiner, MD's New Novel Follows Interconnected Families From 9/11 Aftermath to the COVID Era

*Sequel to "Both Sides of the Same Coin" explores grief, reinvention and the bonds that help families endure two decades of upheaval*

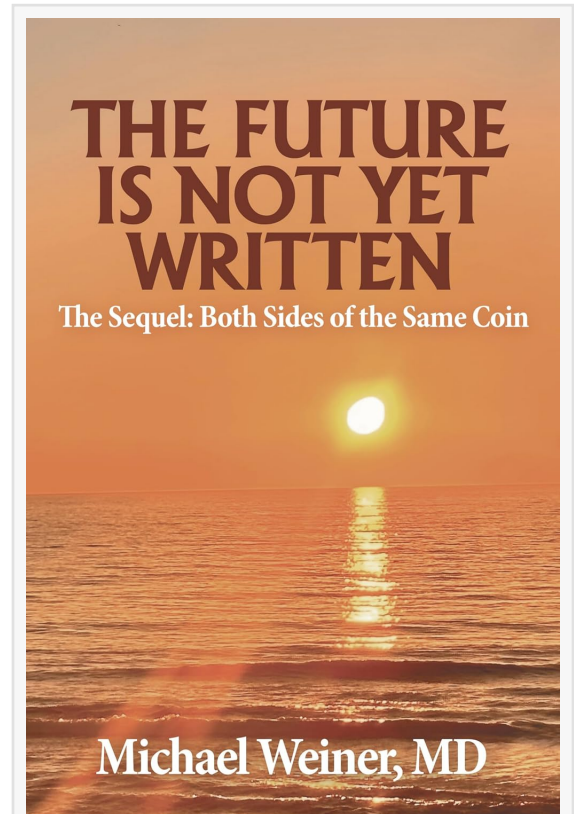
CHAPPAQUA, NY, UNITED STATES, June 22, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Author Michael Weiner, MD, continues the multigenerational story begun in "Both Sides of the Same Coin" with "The Future Is Not Yet Written," a contemporary family saga that follows interconnected American families from the aftermath of September 11, 2001, to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The novel centers on the Klein, Carbone, Doyle, Roth and Bartell families, whose lives are irrevocably altered when several loved ones die in the World Trade Center attacks. Rather than focusing only on the moment of tragedy, "The Future Is Not Yet Written" traces the long aftermath: how spouses, children and surviving relatives grieve, adapt, rebuild and carry forward the legacies of those they have lost.

"The events of September 11 changed the country, but they also changed individual families in deeply personal ways," said Weiner. "I wanted to explore not only the immediate devastation of loss, but the years that follow — the choices people make, the relationships that sustain them and the unexpected directions life can take."

A sequel to "Both Sides of the Same Coin," the novel follows the progeny of the original families as they enter the first decades of the 21st century. Across a wide cast of characters linked by family, friendship, marriage, business, medicine, philanthropy and shared history, Weiner explores how public events shape private lives.

The characters' paths include widowhood, blended families, medical careers, public service, illness, military trauma, autism, philanthropy, professional reinvention and renewed love.



"The Future Is Not Yet Written" by Michael Weiner, MD

Elizabeth Klein must redefine her life after losing her husband. Marissa Goldstone Carbone reshapes her medical career to be present for her children. Ellis Williams and Christine Brown create a new family structure after devastating loss. Zach Bartell channels change into the creation of Hammertown Farm. Willie and Belinda James enter the family circle through circumstance, bringing an unexpected friendship that becomes a source of healing and connection.

"I see this book as a story about resilience, but not in a simplistic way," said Weiner. "The characters do not avoid pain or uncertainty. They keep moving through it. They build, serve, love, remember and change."

"The Future Is Not Yet Written" also reflects Weiner's precise, detail-rich style. Drawing on a broad range of settings and institutions — hospitals, schools, foundations, law offices, real estate ventures, military service and community life — the novel presents a textured portrait of modern American families living through historical change.



Michael Weiner, MD, author of "The Future Is Not Yet Written"

The title takes on added resonance as the novel moves toward the COVID-19 pandemic, another crisis that forces the characters to confront uncertainty, mortality and the limits of planning. Through it all, the book returns to a central idea: the future cannot be fully predicted, but it can still be met with purpose, compassion and openness to change.

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“Each generation inherits something from the one before it,” said Weiner. “Sometimes that inheritance is love or opportunity. Sometimes it is grief. I wanted to show how families carry those inheritances forward and still find ways to make something meaningful out of them.”

“The Future Is Not Yet Written” is available through [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and wherever books are sold.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

A native New Yorker, Dr. Michael Weiner is a pediatric oncologist, philanthropist and author. He served as the head of Pediatric Oncology at Columbia University Irving Medical Center. He has

written more than 50 peer-reviewed medical articles and abstracts. He is also the founder of the Hope & Heroes Children's Cancer Fund. In addition to his medical writing, Dr. Weiner is a fiction writer whose works include the family saga duology "Both Sides of the Same Coin" and "The Future Is Not Yet Written." His fiction explores family, history, medicine, resilience and the unpredictable ways personal lives intersect with larger social events.

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