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In the first year of the new millennium, chiropractors have advanced to a position in the healthcare field which many observers would have thought impossible just a few decades ago. At mid-century it was considered an upstart alternative school with questionable training and practitioners with dubious credentials. Today its growing schools are fully accredited and some are affiliated with private and public universities. Virtually unknown to most of the medical and chiropractic professions is the dramatic and turbulent story of the first large chiropractic hospital, which literally had to fight for the right to keep its doors open after its founding in Denver during World War II. Prairie Thunder details the biographic study of one of chiropractic's most controversial and colorful members. William Rehm, who interned at the hospital, tells the Horatio Alger-like account of Dr. Spears birth in rural Florida to his extensive practice in Denver, which led to the development of the largest private hospital in the west. Spears would spend as much time in state and federal courts as in his hospital, fighting the state medical lobby, the Colorado hospital and health boards and municipal authorities, just to obtain legal status. The book is a riveting account of the struggle for fundamental rights in the field of healthcare in the selection of providers and their institutions.

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