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### 内容概要

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the Rothmans cover them all , attending appreciatively yet critically to the science , its medical applications , and the cultural and commercial forces that encourage their use。

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uses of medicine , and , in the process , usefully reforms our view of the fundamental anatomy of the problem

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Eric Juengst , professor of bioethics , Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine。

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