



The Proteus Effect: Stem Cells and Their Promise for Medicine (Paperback)

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National Academies Press, United States, 2006. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Stem cells could be the key that unlocks cures to scores of diseases and illnesses. Their story is at once compelling, controversial, and remarkable. Part detective story, part medical history, The Proteus Effect recounts the events leading up to the discovery of stem cells and their incredible potential for the future of medicine. What exactly are these biological wonders a these things called stem cells? They may be tiny, but their impact is earth shaking, generating excitement among medical researchers a and outright turmoil in political circles. They are reported to be nothing short of miraculous. But they have also incited fear and mistrust in many. Indeed, recent research on stem cells raises important questions as rapidly as it generates new discoveries. The power of stem cells rests in their unspecialized but marvelously flexible nature. They are the clay of life waiting for the cellular signal that will coax them into taking on the shape of the beating cells of the heart muscle or the insulin-producing cells of the pancreas. With a wave of our medical magic wand, ita (TM)s possible that stem cells could...



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