

The Yale School of Medicine Program for Humanities in Medicine Spiro Lecture Series invites you to the **Richard Selzer Tribute**



Join us for a special hour to remember Richard Selzer, surgeon and author. Colleagues and friends will share stories and memories and trainees will read their favorite Selzer stories.

Selzer, who died on June 15 at the age of 87, practiced general surgery at Yale for nearly three decades. He was also a fixture at Sterling Memorial Library, scribbling away with pen and pad. Altogether, he wrote 13 books—essay collections, short stories, diaries, and a novel.

*He rendered vivid and lyrical the grotesquerie of medicine—metastatic melanoma’s “black meat” was “an eggplant and three plums plucked from the belly of a man.” Yet he also mused on Rothko’s No. 3, rewrote Thomas Mann’s *The Black Swan*, and offered an alternative ending to *A Tale of Two Cities*.*

He had the ability to transform small and easily overlooked medical moments into lushly detailed and compelling stories. His prose elegantly stitched together the worlds of medicine and the humanities in a way that was as vibrant and rich as it was artful.

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5:00 – 6:00 PM

Beaumont Room

Sterling Hall of Medicine

333 Cedar Street, New Haven

Refreshments will be served prior to the talk. Free & open to the public.

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