

Fibrinogen and its crosslinked form (fibrin) are at the epicenter of survival and death. Without them a small cut would hemorrhage and a person would bleed to death. Heart attacks and stroke are caused by clots composed of crosslinked fibrinogen. In this memoir, Dr. Mosesson, a world-renowned expert in this field, elucidates just how the crosslinking takes place. But the memoir is more than that. It is a history lesson in scientific discovery spanning over about 40 years that introduces us to the major players in that discipline as a tight knit groups of scientists all seeking the truth, and often at odds with interpreting data as it is found. The story recounts the many personal interactions between this band of scientists from around the world. I will not give away the ending of how fibrinogen crosslinks, but let the reader enjoy the path.

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